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Another flood control project gets underway in Elba

A ceremony planned for last Friday afternoon to kick off the work on the old Beaver Dam Creek Bed inside the levee was curtailed by drizzling rain. However the group of people responsible for the project made their short talks and smiled for the camera inside the Elba City Hall.

This is still a part of the overall levee rehab project which saw the Elba levee raised and strengthened for a little over

three miles around some of the lowest parts of the downtown area.

This work will clear out the brush and improve the drainage slope in the old creek bed. It will allow the area to better serve as a catch basin for rain which falls within the confines of the levee during heavy rains.

During times when the Pea River rises above the drain pipes through the levee, the pressure of the water forces the flap gates

to close and prevents the river from entering the town.

This is when the pumps in two catch basins can begin pumping the collected water over the levee and into the river.

This project will cover about 62 acres within the creek bed area. The total cost of the contract is \$707,250 and must be completed within 180 days. However the contractor said Friday she hopes to be finished in less time than allowed in the contract.

Farm Service Agency announces enrollment for program

David W. Eaddy, County Executive Director of USDA's Coffee County Farm Service Agency recently announced that enrollment for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006, and continues until June 1, 2007. Eaddy encourages farmers to sign up for the program through the online DCP sign-up service.

"Producers will find the Internet-based DCP sign-up service convenient and very user friendly," said Eaddy. "The service is an example of the strides USDA is taking to make its programs more accessible, and I encourage producers with Internet access to use the system."

Following the June 1, 2007, deadline, USDA will accept late applications through Sept. 30, 2007 with a \$100 late fee. While DCP participants must sign DCP contracts annually, producers can choose not to participate in the program in any given year.

Producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center, to complete their 2007 DCP contract. Additionally, sign-up can be done online, allowing producers to choose payment options, assign crop shares and sign and submit their contracts from any computer with internet access. DCP participants can view and print out submitted contract options at any time.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically.

The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/ebapp/area-online&subject=land-ing&topic=dc-p> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service." To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

USDA computes DCP payments using payment acres and payment yields established by each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2007, eligible producers may request to receive direct advance payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment rate for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue DCP direct advance payments, at the producer's election, beginning Dec. 1, 2006. These are not automatic payments and must be requested by the producer. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when

the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a commodity is below its target price. In more than four years

since the 2002 Farm Bill authorized DCP, USDA has issued approximately \$30 billion in DCP payments to America's agricultural producers.



GUESS WHO...Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home employee Ceina Spicer spooked and entertained those visiting the local healthcare facility Tuesday, Oct. 31, as she dressed as a witch for Halloween. Spicer played her part well and had many asking, "Who is that?" While Spicer joined many others in "dressing up" for fun this Halloween, she also wanted to remind local citizens of a more serious matter. Spicer said Elba's Van Johnson suffered a stroke Aug. 31st of this year, and he is still working towards recovery. A fund on his behalf has been established at The Peoples Bank. Johnson's family is trying to raise money to purchase a wheelchair for him. Spicer encouraged those who can to help this family.

Area Happenings

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON enters the final week of the regular season Friday, Nov. 3, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Opp, the New Brockton Guncocks will host the Kinston Bulldogs and the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Coates. The Bramley Bulldogs will be in action Thursday, Nov. 2 (TONIGHT), playing host to Luverne. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold flu clinics at the health department Friday, Nov. 3; Friday, Nov. 17; and Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clinics will be open to the general public and will take place from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Active Full Coverage Medicaid will be accepted. Medicare or Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (334) 347-9574.

THE ZION CHAPEL BAND BOOSTERS will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the band room. All parents are urged to attend. Discussion will include the upcoming social events.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans' Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with street, electric, water and sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2333. There will be no changes in the garbage pickup schedule.



Pictured above at the Friday ceremony are from left: Jason Boothe Project Manager, Corp of Engineers, R. Ruckey Marlon Cook, Geological Survey of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Senator Jimmy Holley, Elba; Representative Alan Boothe, Troy; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Charles Owens, Project Manager, Corp of Engineers, Mobile; Mrs. Lynn Carter, owner SE Cherokee Construction, Inc., Abbeville; John Tallis, Coffee County Emergency Management; Representative Terry Spicer, Elba; Richard Hulcher, Alabama Department Environmental Management, Montgomery; and Barbara Gibson, Executive Director of Choc-Pea-Yellow River Watershed Management Authority, of Troy.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District issues rate decrease for customers

Customers of The Southeast Alabama Gas District will receive rate relief beginning in December. SEAGD's Board of Directors adopted new customer rates at their regularly scheduled October 19, 2006, board meeting. SEAGD's rates will be decreased by 24 cents per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) effective with bills received December 1, for all tariff customers. The minimum service charges will remain the same for all classes of customer except the Commercial class, whose monthly service fee dropped to \$25.

Consumers are entering the heating season and the Board of Directors determined, based on SEAGD's rate consultant's recommendation, that a rate reduction was allowable. "It was a strong concern of the District that if at all possible, we give our residential consumers relief from the unprecedented cost of gas at the national level they have seen over the past several years," said SEAGD Board Chair Kenneth Boswell. "We wanted to provide the decrease as soon as possible," Boswell explained.

SEAGD President and CEO Greg Henderson further assured consumers, "SEAGD continues to monitor gas prices and strives to offer customers the highest quality natural gas service at reasonable prices."

Moving forward, SEAGD rates will change each month. SEAGD has changed its gas purchasing philosophies because of the continuing volatility of the wholesale market. For this reason, monthly rates will reflect a closer picture of the cost of gas at a national level.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District provides natural gas service for more than 30,000

residential, commercial and industrial customers in the southeast quadrant of Alabama. The company is owned by 14 member cities: Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy. SEAGD serves more than 31 communities in Alabama. For more information applicable to specific service rates, please contact The Southeast Alabama Gas District.

NOTICE

Voters will return to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 7, for the General Election.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and the results will be announced from the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

Several state and local races will be decided during the day. All registered voters are encouraged to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

Elba's "Pumpkins on the Square" continues to be fun event for all



The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual "Pumpkins on the Square" Tuesday evening, Oct. 31 (Halloween) in Elba. The much anticipated event serves as the start of the holiday season in Elba, and attracts local residents of all ages. As the young and young-at-heart dress in their favorite costumes and make their way around the downtown square, many are reminded of favorite tales and characters. One well-known children's tale is "The Three Little Pigs." Trying their best to keep away from the big, bad wolf, the three little pigs were found one the square during this year's event. The characters, also known as (from left) Beverly McCall, Janice McCall and Fay Goodson, seemed to have a grand time at the event. Many local merchants and organizations gave treats to children dressed in costume. Many say they enjoy the event because it give local youth a safe place for Halloween trick-or-treating.

Protect: Meet the Elba Police



Officer Dalton Francis and his partner, ChoCo

Officer Dalton H. Francis Jr. joined the Elba Police Department approximately six years ago.

Up until recently, he served as a patrol officer. Now, however, he serves as the department's K-9 officer.

His new partner is ChoCo, a chocolate female lab. She is approximately 18 months old and has been trained for trailing, search and rescue and narcotics detection.

Officer Francis has a total of 16 years in police service. He has special training for death investigations, crime scene analysis and as a K-9 officer.

In choosing law enforcement as a career, Officer Francis said he simply drifted into it and stayed. He said his most memorable police experience was saving a life by CPR.

Officer Francis enjoys antiques and history. His family includes his wife, Lisa.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

It is that time again. The time when we bare our soul, tell readers how we plan to vote and at the same time try to justify our voting decisions.

It is also the time when we anger the "Yellow Dog Democrats" and the relatively new novelty (at least in Alabama) called a "die hard, straight line Republican". Only after we have finished our listing can either of us know if the majority of our picks are Red or Blue. You will have to decide if they are conservative or liberal.

... frankly we can't accurately define the terms.

This week we read something that most of us suspected even if we didn't put it in these words: "In general, politicians have two phases. (1) almost said two faces. There is the pre-election phase and then the post-election phase." Oh well, on with the show.

The Governor's race pits incumbent Bob Riley against Lt. Governor Lucy Baxley. Riley was beatable at the start of this campaign but Lucy just didn't present enough of a positive program to catch the undecided, independent voters. But then when a female takes an excessively strong position on anything she tends to get called ugly, unflattering names. Americans still practice a double standard in that department. The governor hasn't really done anything outstandingly positive, but then he has painted a great image of being squeaky clean at a time when the previous administration was in federal court with many white collar crimes. His lone major blunder was advocating a huge tax increase (remember Prop #1). Our soreness about this is he later thumped his chest and supported tax cuts (7). If you want to go with the winner, vote Riley. If you are willing to "fight to the death" you can sleep well voting for Lucy Baxley. Riley convinced us to support his ill fated Prop #1 tax increase "because the state needed it". We are still upset with his about faced politically motivated support of the tax cuts right before election time, thus our decision to vote for Riley Tuesday is somewhat of a bitter pill to swallow. ... also odd 'cause we continue to repeat the phrase "Love Lucy".

The Lt. Governor race is attracting a lot of campaign money which is puzzling on the surface. Then we picked up a passing comment about Republicans expecting Riley to be going to Washington in 2009. No further explanation was heard until a Washington politician was in the Wiregrass recently and used Riley and Vice President in the same sentence. All that will explain the big money to get the Republican candidate elected into the #2 spot. Not with our vote. We are voting for "Little Jim" Folsom. He is (almost) one of Elba's own and we know what to expect from him as he has been there before and works well with legislators.

Republican Terry Everett will not need our help to win reelection to the U. S. House of Representatives, but he gets it anyway. Terry and his wife Barbara are considered personal friends and his steady work in Washington is admirable.

Elba native and sitting Attorney General Troy King deserves and gets our vote for a full term in the AG office. As one writer characterized Troy, "He doesn't need a political consultant to paint him as a clean cut family man, Troy King lives and supports just that kind of life." Note - he is, and has always been, just Troy to us and we go on mental alert every time when hearing AG staffers and others referring to him as "General King".

In the race for Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court there

are two good candidates. However our personal liking of Sae Bell Cobb and her rock solid record in over 24 years serving in several judicial positions gain her our vote and support. If you lean to the Chief Justice being a business organizer and/or manager, then Drayton Nabors has a lifetime of excellent experience in that department. Personally, we would rather have the experienced judging work of Cobb.

Champ Lyons is unopposed for Place #1 on the Supreme Court. Tom Woodall has been on the Supreme Court for six years and has served us well, so it is Tom Woodall for Place #2.

Likewise Lyn Stuart has worked as an assistant in the Attorney General's office and presently serving well on the state Supreme Court. We vote for Lyn Stuart for another six years in Place #3. Place #4 on the state Supreme Court is a win-win situation for Alabama. John England Jr. has served on this court before and is a class act. Once before we voted for England and were disappointed when he lost. However this year we must go with Glen Murdock. He is also qualified plus he has strong Coffee County family ties. We like him and will vote Glen Murdock.

Ray Vaughan is our selection for Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place #1. Vaughn has worked both as and assistant attorney general and staff attorney for former Justice Hugh Maddox.

Place #2 on the Court of Civil Appeals goes to another with Coffee County family ties, Craig Pittman. He is also a former assistant attorney general and is presently a well respected Mobile attorney.

For Court of Civil Appeals, Place #3 we bounced around a bit but settled on Jim McFerrin. We just couldn't shake concerns swirling around his opposition of or at least her family's, open ties with the Ku Klux Klan. Terri Thomas denies personal connections but has admitted to being a guest speaker for at least one related radical group's conventions. There are also claims that Thomas has been a bit careless in preparing accurate campaign literature.

For the Court of Criminal Appeals Place #1, we will vote for Aubrey Ford, Jr. He has served almost 30 years as a trial judge and developed a reputation of great respectability.

For the Court of Criminal Appeals Place #2, we again support Kelli Wise. Her Geneva County connections are what first brought her to our attention and she has proven to not only measure up to their high standards but take them to a higher level. Yet voters who have a problem with her need not be ashamed of voting for Claude Patton.

Sam Welch is our pick for Place #3 on the Court of Criminal Appeals. This man has worked hard (and well) as a judge in Monroeville for 25 years.

Oh boy! The race for Secretary of State caused a bit of prayer meeting time on our part. Incumbent Nancy Worley - well we like her personally. We also think she offended some of the long time office employees by trying to make them do their job. However we quickly add that while the past four years of problems in that office were by no means not all her fault, she probably should share some of the blame. At the same time Beth Chapman has quietly gone about her job as State Auditor. Yet she has openly snubbed the constitutional mandate that constitutional officials live in Montgomery. She lives in the Birmingham area with her husband and children. That is admirable, but she should have considered that before seeking state office. Still, we will vote for Beth Chapman. It is regrettable but Worley probably could not shake the bad image, especially as a Democrat in a Republican administration, and thus she would be less than effective during the next four years.

Oh, we easily support Kay Ivey for another term as State Treasurer. Without even considering that her opponent is less than impressive and in public comments is fighting a battle on procedures which are a legislative matter and not in the discretion of the Treasurer, this lady is one of the best things that has happened to Alabama government in a long time! She is also highly knowledgeable of things a treasurer should know about.

Samantha "Sam" Shaw is a successful accountant and best for State Auditor. She works in that business in other words, "She can talk the talk but also has walked the walk."

Ron Sparks has done a great job at the Commission of Agriculture and Industries. He surely deserves another term in that office. Last Spring we heard rumors (obviously unfounded) that he would be seeking the governor's office this year. He ended

up doing exactly what we wanted him to do and without us opening his mouth.

We keep hoping for Alabama voters to help us send Jan Cook home but she obviously has Teflon skin. Just this past week there were complaints she wasn't in Montgomery enough to know what was going on in the Public Service Commission offices. That is not fresh news, she has faced (or ignored) these claims before. We will vote John Rice for Place #1 on the Public Service Commission.

Two new faces are vying for Place #2 on the PSC we studied the two candidates and bounced back and forth before settling on Susan Parker. Perly Hooper Jr. got his fingers burned over - well state money - while serving in the legislature. He is a very likable person, his dad is A-1, etc. but Susan Parker is also a quality person and deserves our support.

The State School Board race offers two qualified women for the position. We are staying with the incumbent, Betty Peters. She has stepped on some toes, but some of that probing resulted in bringing to light the many problems in the two year college system. We suspect she can find more problems to fix if she remains in office.

There are other (local) races on the ballot, but our readers are not gutsy enough to express them publicly.

Only one of the three statewide amendments deserves Coffee County voter consideration. Amendment #1 deals strictly with a City of Prichard Foreign Trade Zone and/or tax.

Amendment #3 deals strictly with changing the Macon County school board from a single member districts (plus one at-large) to six at-large positions.

Therefore Amendment #2 is the only one we will personally be voting on this year. Actually it will not increase taxes in Coffee County. The amendment calls for all school districts to have a minimum of ten mills property tax. Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County already have that much property tax. This amendment will require people in some 30 districts to pony up their fair share also. Even that will not raise property taxes much in those districts falling short of the ten mill minimum. We vote YES on Amendment #2.

Senator John Kerry is one of the reasons voters keep supporting the national Republican Party and rejecting sometimes well qualified Democrats. Tuesday the TV was flooded with news clips of what his supporters called a slip of the tongue but he refused to apologize for. Kerry was speaking at a college in California and said something to the effect that a person can go to college, study hard and get ahead ... or they can get stuck in Iraq. The uproar was accusing him of insulting the men and women fighting and dying in the Middle East for freedom. Now it would be easy to understand that he misspoke but Senator Kerry will not help us in that department at all. In fact he said Tuesday afternoon that he apologized to no one.

Our watching of the Alabama election debates Monday night was marred by a technical problem with the TV signal into Elba and much of it was missed. Of course our mind was already made up on those three races, but as an officer of the Alabama Press Association we had early on voted to actively endorse and support the debates and were planning to listen, if for nothing else, out of loyalty.

Saturday we had our two grandchildren in town and were at the Briar Patch getting the new Bob Inman children's book for them. As Bob was signing the book he asked our first grader who was going to read it to her? She quickly informed him that she could read for her grandpa but he didn't like her to read (or experienced grandfather, without missing a beat, the truth of the matter is that this book is a little hard to read for a first grader to read aloud, even one as smart as either of our darlings. No problem, that just gives this gray headed fellow another excuse to sit and do something he already enjoys and the children are fast learning to enjoy ... read a good book.

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Troy begins program of armed services support

Troy University, which enjoys a rich tradition of service to the U.S. military, is reaching out to individual Trojans in the Armed Forces to show the University's appreciation for their service.

Through a program led by Janice Hawkins, TROY is seeking to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty or staff members—or members of their immediate families—who are on active military duty. A special link to the University's website www.troy.edu includes a message to the troops from Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr., accompanied by a form that Trojans in military service can complete to update their contact information. Trojans serving in

combat zones as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom will be sent a special gift from the University.

Troy University operates teaching sites on approximately 25 military bases outside of Alabama as part of its University College division, which is composed of sites in 17 U.S. states and 14 locations outside of the United States. In addition, Troy University serves active-duty enlisted soldiers through eArmyU, the U.S. Army's distance-education program. Of the more than 20 institutions participating in eArmyU, TROY has the second largest number of enrollments.

Eva McGrath Love
(Democrat)
for
Coffee County Circuit Clerk
General Election: Nov. 7, 2006

Age: 49 Family: Earl L. Love Sr., twins: Tara & Tiffany McGrath
Background: Graduate of Enterprise High School 1975; B.S. & M.S. Graduate of Troy University in Criminal Justice and Administration; served 19 years as a police officer and probation officer, Enterprise Woman of the Year, Veteran United States Army Reserves

Platform: When elected, Love will run the Office of the Circuit Clerk in a professional and courteous manner. Under the present clerk, the office is open only six hours a day and closed during the lunch hour. Love will immediately change the office hours to eight hours a day and open during the lunch hour to better serve all the people of Coffee County. Additionally, Love said she will insure all employees in the clerk's office will be cross-trained in other divisions of the office so cases will not pile up when an employee is out for illness or vacation. Presently, clerk support funds received by the clerk are only deposited twice a week, resulting in a delay in the issuance of clerk support checks to recipients. Love said she will immediately change this practice to daily deposits so the clerk support checks can be issued in a more expeditious and timely manner. "The people of Coffee County know me and know that I have the honesty, experience, dedication and work ethic to be serve as their circuit clerk," she said.

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It Happened This Week

On November 2, 1930 he was crowned emperor of Ethiopia. Sometimes called The Lion of Africa, his worldwide influence far exceeded that of all other African leaders. In 1935, Italy invaded and overran the country. With British backing he was able to defeat the Italians in 1941, regaining his throne. He was overthrown by a Marxist coup in 1974, and executed in 1975. Who was he? Need the answer, or want to get more information? Go to <http://www.imperialethiopia.org/vol/make.htm>.

Fast Fact
In 1934, he became a U.S. Senator. In 1944, he was chosen to run as Vice-President on the Democratic ticket that won the election. After serving less than ninety days the President died, so on April 12, 1945 this extraordinary man became our thirty-third President. His name was Harry S. Truman.

Three years later, Truman was not the person Democratic Party leaders wanted to see as their 1948 Presidential candidate. They saw him as weak and unelectable, so they asked Dwight Eisenhower, a World War II

hero, to become the Democratic candidate. He refused, and Harry Truman became the nominee. The Republican nominee was Thomas E. Dewey, who had nearly beaten Roosevelt in 1944. Running a campaign crafted to make him appear Presidential, the *Saturday Evening Post* reported that Dewey:

American Experience: Truman
This resource is the companion to the PBS film about the life of Harry Truman. It includes a detailed biography, timeline of his career, discussions of his presidency, Dewey Crockett, later said: "We shot them like dogs." Find out more at <http://www.state.tx.us/sec/staff/tpub/tpub/tr1912.htm>.

Upset - Truman's Whistle Stop Campaign Remembered
Prepared by the Missouri State Archives, this resource was created as part of their fiftieth anniversary recognition of the 1948 campaign. It offers information on Truman's nomination, the campaign, the election, and his 1949 inauguration. Web Address: <http://www.sos.state.mo.us/archives/exhibits/TrumanProject/>.

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Obituaries

JAMES MARSHALL MITCHELL
Mr. James Marshall Mitchell, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held Nov. 1, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Clifford Quincey officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery, New Brockton, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Mitchell was preceded in death by his father, James Woodrow Mitchell; a daughter, Margie Mitchell; a son, James

Eugene Mitchell; a brother, Johnny Mitchell; and two sisters, Peggy Oglesby and Sara Anderson.

Survivors include his wife: Polly Ann Mitchell, Elba; two daughters: Janice Inez Parrish, New Brockton, Wanda Mitchell Thomas, Elba; one son: James David Mitchell, Elba; his mother: Vassie Ruth Mitchell, New Brockton; two step-daughters: Elizabeth Sanders, Chancellorsville, Va.; Christy Strops, Enterprise, Ala.; one step-son: Mark Spann, Enterprise; five sisters: Mavis Ezell, Seale, Ala.; Brenda Thomas and Shirley York, both of New Brockton, JoAnn Tew, Eufaula, Ala.; Nell Marler, Elba; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

FRANCES ELIZABETH BYRD
Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Byrd, age 83, a resident of Milton, Ala., formerly of Enterprise, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006

Funeral services were held Oct. 31, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial followed in the Phillips Cemetery, Elba.

Mr. Kelley was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall Philip George Washington

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LOSERS CAN BE WINNERS

He was an extraordinary man. He came into the world on May 8, 1884 in Lamar, Missouri. He departed it eighty-eight years later on December 26, 1972 in Independence, Missouri. About him, it has been said that: "His courage was the courage of his convictions."

crossing the country making as many as five speeches a day. Town by town, the crowds grew larger and more enthusiastic. Regardless, those watching the campaign for a living never considered that he might actually win. In early September one of the country's most respected polling organizations, the Roper Center, stopped following the election when Filmo Roper said: "Thomas E. Dewey is almost as good as elected."

That being so, I can think of nothing duller or more intellectually barren than acting like a sports announcer who feels he must pretend he is witnessing a neck and neck race.

Election Day was November 2, 1948. The next morning, newspapers across the country trumpeted Dewey's victory. In deference to Truman, the *Detroit Free Press* said he was "a game little fellow, who never sought the Presidency and was lost in it, but who went down fighting with all he had."

There was only one small problem with these post election stories. Harry Truman was still President. He had defeated Dewey by over 3,000,000 votes, taking twenty-nine states. The Election of 1948 has been called the most astonishing political upset of the twentieth century. Was it really, or were the voters not being heard? Take *The Web Journey*. After that, you decide.

Meanwhile, Harry Truman was tirelessly criss-

Newsroom: Every Four Years
The Newsroom is an interactive museum of news currently being developed in Washington, D.C. It is funded by the Freedom Forum. This online exhibit examines how reporters have covered Presidential elections throughout the twentieth century. Also included is an essay by Dora Kearns Goodwin titled *Presidential Campaigns and the Press: 1896 - 2000*. Web Address: <http://www.newsroom.org/everyfouryears/index.htm>.

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What I Pledge to Do for You, the Citizens of Coffee County

- ☐ When elected, I will establish a voting record that **ALL** of Coffee County can be proud of based on integrity, honesty and family values.
- ☐ I will support the efforts to bring the image of the two-year college system back to the respected institutions of higher learning they were intended to be.
- ☐ I will oppose those legislators whose indiscretions cause the people of our state to lose faith in them. As Dwight David Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States of America said, "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."
- ☐ I will ensure that the citizens of Coffee County are involved in setting the goals and objectives for our County through the establishment of a Citizens Action Committee. I will take your voice to Montgomery.
- ☐ I will use my many years of leadership gained through 32 years of service to our state and nation to lead Coffee County in a positive direction for the next four years. There will never be a **"cut and run"** mentality.
- ☐ I will make attendance and voting a priority during this legislative term.
- ☐ I will stand firm in voting for the best interests of our citizens and never let any political party or special interest group take priority over what is best for the citizens of Coffee County. I will **NEVER** forget that I work for you.
- ☐ I will support Governor Bob Riley's "Plan 2010" to bring conservative reform to State government.
- ☐ I will never accept an appointed position that would jeopardize the integrity of my membership in the legislature.
- ☐ I will, contrary to the deceptive accusations made by my opponent and Paul R. Hubbert of the Alabama Education Association, support education and ensure that students, teachers and support personnel (active and retired) are protected.

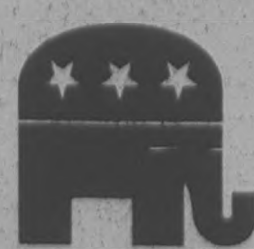
Ricky E. Snellgrove

Friends, please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.
I would appreciate so much your vote of confidence on November 7th.
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The homecoming dance was held Friday night at Elba High after the football game, and even though Melanie had to work at the dance as well as have fun, this 'ole Dad didn't get to sleep until after midnight when I heard her car roll down the driveway. I was tired after a hard day at work and may have caught a few winks, but every time I rolled over I checked the clock, and as soon as she came in I rolled back over, pulled up the covers and called it a night. Hey, age means nothing to us Dads.

ELBA TIGERS WATCH PLAYOFF BERTH SLIP AWAY

The Elba Tigers could have wrapped up a berth in the state football playoffs last Friday night with a win over Abbeville and a Staughtin win over Headland. Well, Staughtin did its part with a tough road win, but Elba failed to come through with its share of the equation as the Tigers dropped a homecoming clash to Abbeville and will now sit out the post-season party for the first time in three years. The Tigers trailed 14-0 less than two minutes into the game and 20-0 at the half, but came back early in the third quarter to make a game of it and actually had chances to pull out the win. It was simply a repeat of the season's woes for Elba as it fell behind early, failed to take advantage of scoring opportunities and in the end was left with yet another loss. It was just another chapter of the same old book, and one that the Tigers will be glad to put away after this week's season finale at Opp.

AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE SO-SO-WEEK

It was a "So-So" week for the teams in the area as two teams posted wins and the other two took it on the chin. Here's a quick look back...

*** New Brockton (1-8) - The Gamecocks battled the top-ranked Houston Academy Raiders and never had a chance as they took it on the chin 52-12. New Brockton had a hard time moving the football and also struggled slowing down the high-powered Houston Academy offense. The result was a big road loss.

*** Kinston (1-8) - The Bulldogs fell behind big early and were happy to watch the clock run in the second half in a lopsided 49-3 loss to top-ranked Brantley. Kinston knew it would take a maximum effort to keep it close, but never got anything going on either side of the ball and could do little but play for pride as the score quickly got out of hand.

*** Zion Chapel (3-6) - The Rebels claimed their second straight win as they outscored Pleasant Home 48-26. Zion Chapel was eliminated from playoff possibilities a few weeks back. However, the Rebels' win last week was over a team that will make the playoffs, and gave them a sense of pride in knowing they do indeed belong.

*** Brantley (9-0) - The Bulldogs made it look easy, again, in posting a 49-3 win over Kinston. Brantley put the game out of reach early on and got the chance to play a lot of younger players with nothing but tough games debuting on the schedule. There is no doubt these Bulldogs are a different breed from others found in the area.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Little Tri-County Youth Football League held its annual Super Bowl last weekend at Elba's Miller Memorial Stadium with twelve teams competing in three age groups, and after almost eleven hours of action, the big trophies and the title of "Super Bowl Champions" went to teams from Elba and Brantley. Elba capped off an 8-0 season with two wins Saturday to earn the title in the Midgut division for boys and girls ages 8 and Under, while Brantley continued to be a dominant force in the league as it claimed titles in both the Termites (ages 9-10) and Pee Wee (ages 11-12) age groups. Elba, Luerne and Brantley all had three teams in the event, while New Brockton, Arton and Highland Home all had one team taking part. It was a lot of work for the members of the Elba Recreation Department. However, a lot of youngsters went home happy, and that is what youth sports is all about - the youth!

*** Alabama and Auburn both posted wins over the weekend as expected, but both teams did struggle at times and did little to impress their fans. The Tide took advantage of mistakes and big plays in the kicking game to ease past Florida International 38-3, while the Tigers did what it took and little else in a 23-17 win over Ole Miss. Auburn is still picked by many to be the favorite for the SEC crown, and Alabama is picked by many to be headed to a small bowl game. Time will tell, but I for one have my doubts about the Tigers and Coach Tubby.

*** The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series over Detroit four games to one, and while I didn't care who won the "Fall Classic," I felt good for the Cards and Tony LaRusso. St. Louis got swept a year or two back after being picked to win, and it keeps added interest when different teams compete in the Series. Another good thing is that baseball is finally over.

*** and, the cheerleaders in the Little Tri-County Youth Football League will come back to Elba this weekend to compete in the league's first-ever cheerleading competition. A total of 14 squads will get the chance to cheer, chant and dance at the event to be held at the Elba High gym, and you can bet there will plenty of energy. See 'ya there.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by a little earlier than usual over the weekend and said the time change already has him all messed up. The local high school football guesspert hit on 35 of 38 picks last week to move his season totals to 252-61, and for once declared he was ready for the playoffs. Time will tell... and here are this week's picks.

ELBA VS. OPP

The Pea River felines will head down the four-lane Friday night for a clash with some short-tail kitties from the City of Opportunity, and while neither team will get the chance to dance at the post-season party, you know the fur will be flying when these two get back together. Being at home could make the difference, but the guess here is the felines will escape and take home the win.

ELBA 14 OPP 13

NEW BROCKTON VS. KINSTON

The roosters from across the county have invited a litter of puppies over for a Friday night derby, and even though the roosters have managed to take home the top prize only once in the past nine weeks, the pups haven't had much luck away from the pen and will need to bring along some band-aids this week to cover all their scratches.

NEW BROCKTON 27 KINSTON 14

Elba Junior High tips off 2006 basketball season with big wins

Elba Junior High tipped off its basketball season last week with two nights of action and enjoyed a successful opening week as the 8th grade boys claimed two wins, the 7th grade boys claimed one win and the 8th grade girls posted one win and one loss.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

8TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 35 FLEETA 24

The Elba Tigers pulled away late to open the season with a 35-24 win over the Fleeta Falcons. The Tigers owned a slim 22-19 lead after three quarters, but broke loose late and poured in 14 fourth quarter points to claim the win. Sandarius Reed scored 17 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Devonta Tillis 8, Kendrick Robertson 6, Chance Goosby 2, Xavier Rodgers 2 and Braun Robinson 1.

ELBA 19 SAMSON 11

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to claim a low-scoring 19-11 win over Samson. The Tigers held Samson scoreless in the second quarter to open up a 9-4 halftime lead, and then turned back a late rally to claim the win. Sandarius Reed scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Chance Goosby 4, Xavier Rodgers 3, Kendrick Robertson 3 and Devonta Tillis 1. Scoring for Samson were Stinson 4.

Williams 3, Dean 2 and Day 2.

8TH GRADE GIRLS

ELBA 32 FLEETA 17

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to open the season with a big 32-17 win over the Fleeta Lady Falcons. The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 10-0 first quarter advantage, but saw Fleeta cut the lead to 20-14 in the third quarter before pulling away late. Jacquetta Whitfield scored 18 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Natalie Luckett 6, Kei-Auna Edwards 2, Aspen Foushee 2, and Keyawne Gavin 2.

SAMSON 39 ELBA 16

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never challenged in a 39-16 loss to Samson. The Lady Tigers trailed 26-3 by the end of the first half and were never able to rally as they took the loss. Kei-Auna Edwards scored 6 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Keyawne Gavin 5, Jacquetta Whitfield 3 and Natalie Luckett 2. Scoring for Samson were Best 10, Mock 9, Marsh 6, Earles 6, Diaz 4, Phillips 3 and Reeves 2.

7TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 37 SAMSON 15

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to post an impressive 37-15 win over Samson. The Tigers jumped out to an early 14-2 advantage and rolled to the easy win. Jake Carley scored 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Nick McLaughlin 10, Tyler Anderson 9, Donta Rodgers 4 and Saegre Kelley 2. Scoring for Samson were Milsap 5, Jenkins 4, Meeks 2, Holes 2, Alford 2.

PCA Rodeo finals set for Nov. 3-4 in Andalusia

The Professional Cowboy Association (PCA) Eastern Regional Finals will be held in Andalusia, AL on November 3 and 4. This is the Association's first year to hold Regional Finals, and leads up to the 2006 Finals Rodeo to be held in Philadelphia, MS in January 2007.

Only the season's top twelve money winners in each event from the Eastern Region, and the top High School contestant in each event, qualifies for this Regional Finals.

Covington County is home to one of the top Rodeo facilities in the Southeast - the Covington Center. This is a great facility for the contestants and fans alike. There are over 100 RV hook-ups on site at the Covington Center.

ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The troops from Ft. Jack will head over to the deep woods of Pike County to hunt birds this week, and after last week's success, should have their guns oiled up and ready to fire once they arrive. These birds may prove a little tougher to bag and could cause the troops some problems. However, the guess here is they will get to eat bird for the second straight week.

ZION CHAPEL 26 GOSHEN 24

BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The bulldogs from across the river will be looking to put a perfect record in the book this week when they host a batch of Kitties from up the road. The dogs have gotten the best of their fair furred friends in recent years, and from where I sit nothing is about to change this week, either.

BRANTLEY 28 LUVERNE 14

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 15 G.W. Long 13
Florala 16 Dale County 14
Red Level 34 McKenzie 0
Providence Ch. 27 Sanson 12
Sweet Water 39 American Ch. 24
Geneva County 28 Slocumb 7
Georgiana 22 Hillcrest 20
St. James 17 Highland Home 15
Headland 19 Houston County 14
Abbeville 30 Wickens 16
W.S. Neal 55 Calhoun 6
Geneva 35 Daleville 10
Andalusia 17 Staughtin 7
Ashford 28 Rehobeth 13
T.R. Miller 24 Trinity 21
Carroll 30 Russell County 18
Stanhope Elmore 21 Charles Henderson 10
Greenville 20 Wetumpka 7
Auburn 38 R.E. Lee 0
Northview 13 Carver 10
Bainbridge 27 Dothan 17
Enterprise 20 Lanier 3



Elba 7th grade Tigers Nick McLaughlin (32) and Tyler Anderson (10) battle for a rebound last week's season opening win over Fleeta.



Elba 7th grade Tiger Jake Carley heads upcourt in action last week in junior high basketball.

NOTICE

I, Southwest Georgia Oil Co., Inc., d/b/a Big/Little #613, have made application of the City of Elba for a 050 retail beer-off premises, 070 retail table wine-off premises liquor license, at 221 W. Davis St., Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 200 Buford Street, at 5:30 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2006.

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SPORTS

Against Abbeville Yellowjackets

Elba Tigers watch playoff hopes vanish in 20-6 region loss

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Cupps

It was the same 'ole story, just a different chapter, Friday night for the Elba Tigers.

Elba fell behind early, failed to take advantage of scoring opportunities and then saw a second half rally fall short as the Tigers lost to the Abbeville Yellowjackets 20-6, in front of alumni and fans at the 2006 homecoming game.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-4 and gave the Tigers a final region record of 2-5, while Abbeville improved its record to 7-2 with the win and closed out region play with a 5-2 slate.

Abbeville received the opening kickoff and needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard as on second down D.J. Wiggins dropped back and lofted a 59-yard scoring pass to a wide-open Julius Gibbs. A two-point conversion failed, but with only 49 seconds gone in the opening quarter the Yellowjackets had already stung the Tigers and owned an early 6-0 lead.

Elba began its initial possession of the night at its own 21-yardline, only to again feel the sting of the 'Jackets, as on first down Trey Martin lost the handle on the football on a pass attempt and the ball landed in the hands of Abbeville lineman Ken McCray. McCray rumbled down to the Elba 7-yardline, and one play later Wiggins scored on a 3-yard run to put extend the Yellowjackets lead. Wiggins also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 10:10 remaining in the first quarter Abbeville's lead was up

to 14-0.

Elba's Bobby Hudson returned the ensuing kickoff 27 yards to the Elba 37 to give the Tigers a much needed spark, and Carlos Matias brought the homecoming crowd to its feet as he gained 32 yards on the next two plays to set Elba up with a first down at the Abbeville 31. A four-yard loss on a fumble backed the Tigers up. However, on the next play Martin dropped off a screen pass to Matias and the freshman speedster raced 31 yards to give Elba a first down and goal at the Abbeville 4-yardline. The Tigers got as close as the two-yardline after three straight runs by Matias, but failed to cash in the scoring opportunity as on fourth down Martin was sacked for a six-yard loss back to the Abbeville 10-yardline.

Abbeville failed to move the ball following the defensive stand, but the Yellowjackets did threaten on their next two possessions, only to be turned back by the Tiger defense.

Abbeville's D.J. Wiggins ran five times for 42 yards and passed to Josh Carter for a 20-yard gain as the 'Jackets reached a first down at the Elba 22, but a key 10-yard loss on a sack by Bobby Hudson slowed the march, and the Tigers regained possession at their own 14-yardline.

Abbeville began its ensuing possession near midfield after an Elba punt and this time drove to a first down and goal at the Elba 5-yardline. An 18-yard pass from Wiggins to Jordan Thompson and a 24-yard run by Terrance Ward were key plays in the drive. However, the Elba defense

stiffened as the 'Jackets neared the endzone, and the Tigers turned back the scoring threat when Trey Belcher intercepted an Abbeville pass in the endzone.

The Yellowjackets got the ball back at their own 41-yardline with 41 seconds left in the half and stunned the Tigers by scoring their third touchdown of the half in only five plays. The score came on a 39-yard reverse by Terrance Ward, and although the extra-point try failed, Abbeville went in at the half with a commanding 20-0 lead.

Elba's Carlos Matias returned the second half kickoff 24 yards to set the Tigers up near midfield, and the Tigers promptly marched 52 yards in 11 plays to get on the scoreboard. A 17-yard pass from Trey Martin to Jimmy Morris got the drive off to a fast start, while a 12-yard screen pass from Martin to Matias helped the Tigers reach a first down at the Abbeville 19-yardline. The touchdown came on a 1-yard plunge by Matias, while the extra-point try failed as Abbeville's lead stood at 20-6 with 7:43 remaining in the third quarter.

Elba got the ball right back at the Abbeville 27 on a pass interception by Jacob Forbes, but had what appeared to be a touchdown pass dropped at the goal line, and came away empty-handed when on fourth down and one a fumble put an end to the Tiger scoring threat.

The Tigers had two chances to cut into the Abbeville lead in the fourth quarter, but came away empty-handed on both occasions. The first scoring



Elba High Homecoming Queen Katie Cash and her Court... reigned over activities last week at Elba High School. Pictured above with their escorts are (l-r) Malsie Thomas - Sophomore Attendant, Tiffany Johnson - Junior Attendant, Queen Katie Cash, Clara Burrows - Senior Attendant, and Keri Jones - Freshman Attendant.

opportunity came after a bad snap on a punt attempt gave the ball to the Tigers at the Yellowjackets 26, while the second came after a screen pass from Martin to Morris gained 39 yards and set Elba up with a first down at the Abbeville 16. Elba fumbled away the first scoring chance, then failed to punch in the second as Abbeville held on and left town with the 20-6 win.

Carlos Matias gained 65 yards on 17 carries and caught 5 passes for 61 yards to spark the Elba offense, while Trey Martin completed 7 of 20 passes, with 2 interceptions, for 118 yards. Chase Boutwell had 7 tackles and 1 assist to lead the Elba defense, while Jason Mitchell added 5 tackles, 3 assists and 1 sack. Nick Nelson added 5 tackles and 2 assists.

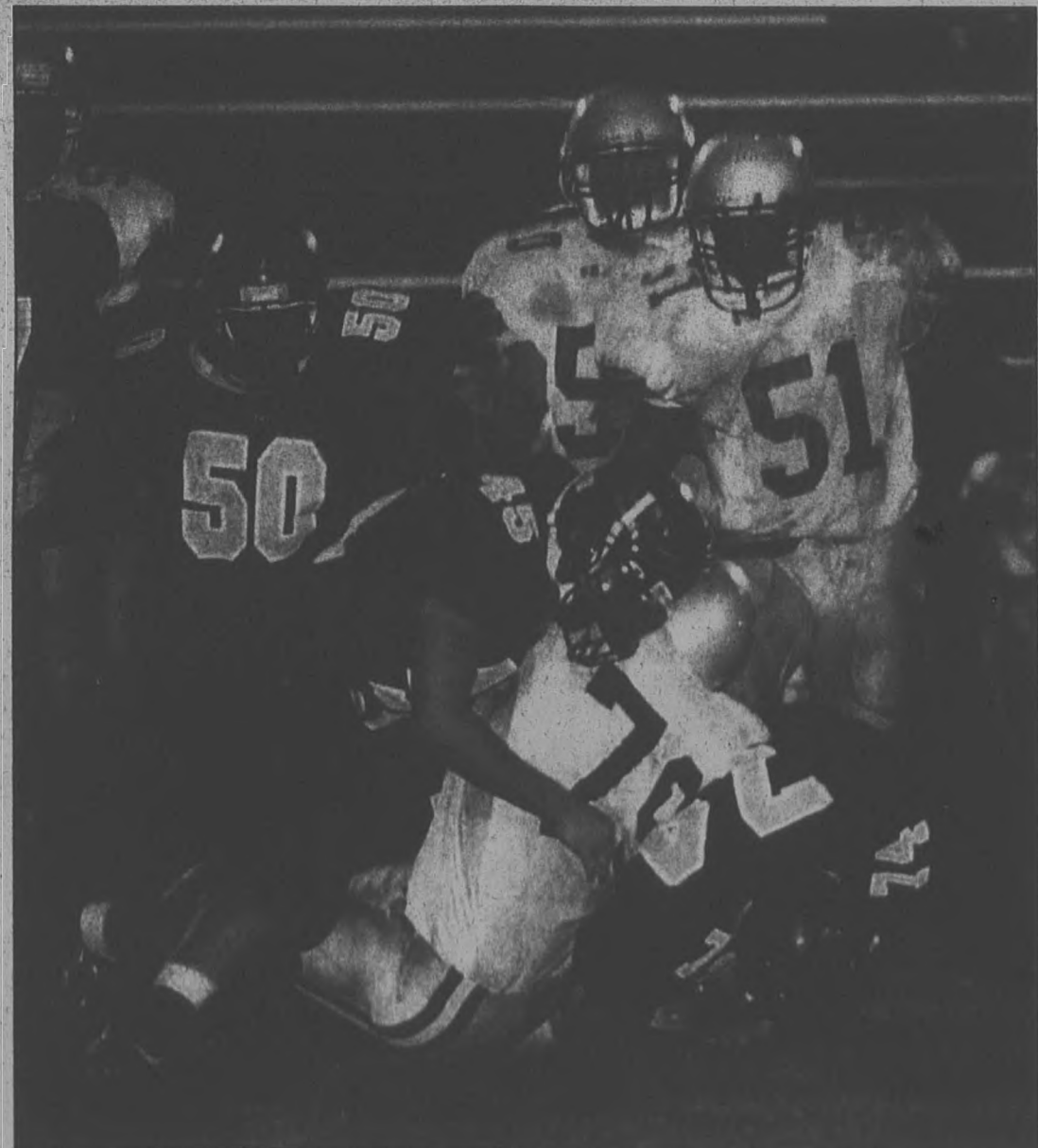
Bobby Hudson added 4 tackles; and Trey Belcher and Jacob Forbes both had an interception.

Terrance Ward gained 112 yards on 18 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Abbeville on the ground, while D.J. Wiggins gained 86 yards on 19 carries and scored 1 touchdown. Wiggins also completed 4 of 12 passes, with 2 interceptions, for 96 yards and 1 touchdown.

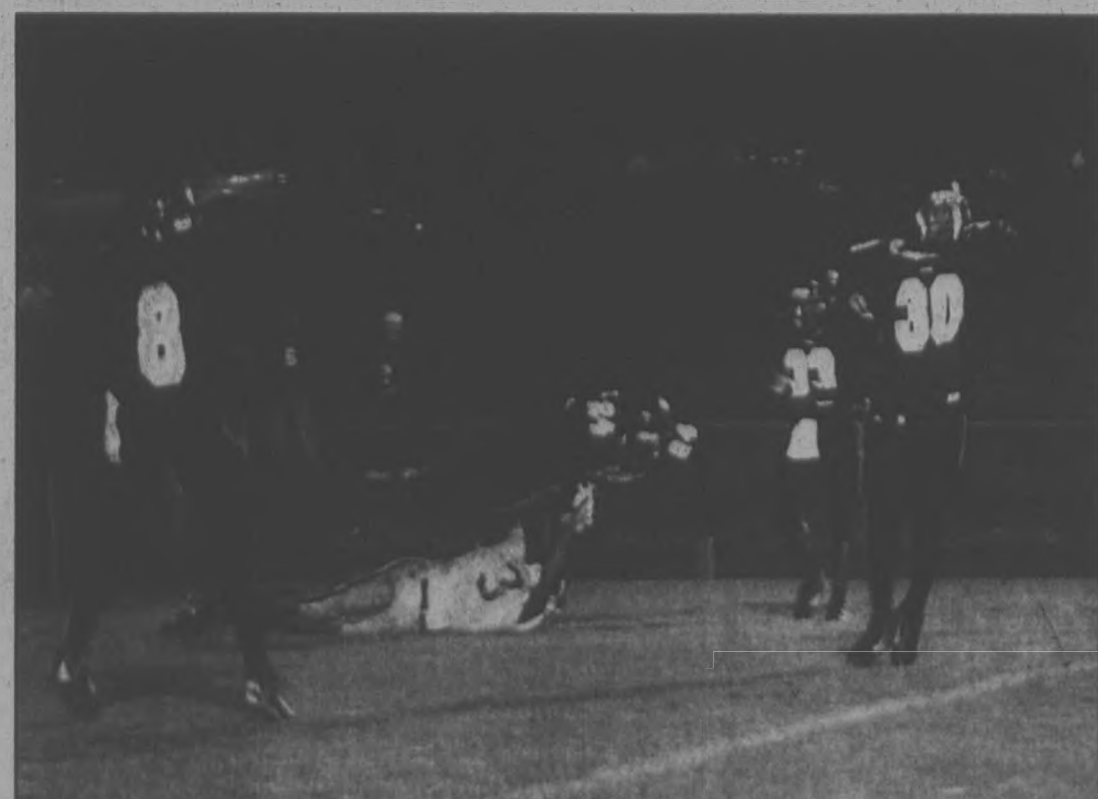
STATISTICS		
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9	1st Downs	12
24-62	Rushes-Yds.	47-209
118	Passing Yds.	96
180	Total Offense	305
7-20-2	Passes	4-12-2
5/1	Fumbles/Lost	6/0
4-40	Punts-Ave.	4-30
4-27	Penalties-Yds.	8-43



ELBIE - the Elba Tiger mascot, waves to fans at last week's homecoming game against Abbeville.



Elba Tigers Matt Brunson (45) and Chase Boutwell (74) combine to make the stop on a Yellowjacket runner as teammate Nick Nelson (50) closes in. The Tigers will travel to Opp Friday night to battle the Opp Bobcats.



Elba Tiger teammates Justin Hammonds (8) and Frank Morris (30) help the official signal Elba ball as Trey Belcher (24) makes an interception in the endzone to stop an Abbeville scoring threat.

Re-Elect Stephen S. Hunko

Coffee County Board of Education District 3



My three main reasons for serving in this office - my children
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I would like to take the time before the Tuesday, Nov. 7, General Election to say, "Thank You" to the voters of District 3, to the parents of students in the Coffee County School System and, lastly, to the students. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you and your children for the past six years.

As a life long resident of Coffee County, our School System has always been important to my family and I. With your help and support, we will continue to work to keep our system one of the best in our state.

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Sincerely,

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SPORTS

For 2nd straight win

Rebels run past Pleasant Home 48-26

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters and Matt Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels and Pleasant Home Eagles tied up Friday night in an offensive shoot-out, and by the time the scoreboard finally got the chance to cool down, it was the Rebels that had emerged with the wild 48-26 win, at Pleasant Home.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on the game's initial offensive series, but the Rebels got the ball back at their own 8-yardline on an Eagle fumble, and this time marched 92 yards in only four plays to get on the scoreboard.

An 89-yard run by Luke Peters was a key play in the long scoring drive, and it was Peters that crossed the goal line when he bulled over from 3 yards out. A two-point try failed, but with 5:46 left in the first quarter Zion Chapel was on top 6-0.

The Rebels began their next possession at their own 33-yardline and marched 67 yards in 14 plays to extend their advantage. Jacob Legg was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 24 yards on five carries, while the touchdown came when Luke Peters connected with Gatlin Carley on a 15-yard touchdown toss on fourth

down and six. The two-point try again failed, as the Rebels lead stood at 12-0 with 9:39 left in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel gave the ball away on a fumble at its own 16-yardline on its next possession, and Pleasant Home cashed in on the turnover to cut the Rebels' lead to 12-6 with 5:07 still remaining in the half.

Zion Chapel lost a fumble near midfield on the ensuing kickoff and also fumbled late in the half at the Rebel 41. However, the Rebels did manage to hold on to the lead and at intermission went in clinging to a 12-6 advantage.

Pleasant Home scored on its initial possession of the second half to pull even at 12-12, but Zion Chapel answered the Eagle score on a 34-20 lead with 11:19 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Rebels put the ball in play at the Pleasant Home 44-yardline after a failed fourth down gamble by the Eagles, and covered the distance in only two plays as Luke Peters called his own number twice, and after a 40-yard dash on first down, scored on a 4-yard run. The two-point try again failed, but with 9:29 left in the game the Rebels appeared to finally be in command with a 40-20 lead.

Pleasant Home responded to

Eagle score as it covered 60 yards in only six plays to bounce back and regain the lead. The touchdown came on a 43-yard run by Hunter Wise with 1:57 left in the third quarter, and Wise also ran in the two-point conversion as the Rebels grabbed a 28-20 advantage.

Zion Chapel began its next possession at the Pleasant Home 41-yardline after a bad snap on a punt resulted in a 4-yard boot, and this time it took the Rebels only four plays to get back in the endzone.

Jacob Legg gained 35 yards on three carries to spark the scoring drive and scored the touchdown on a 25-yard run, and while the two-point try failed, Zion Chapel had a little breathing room with a 34-20 lead with 11:19 remaining in the fourth quarter.

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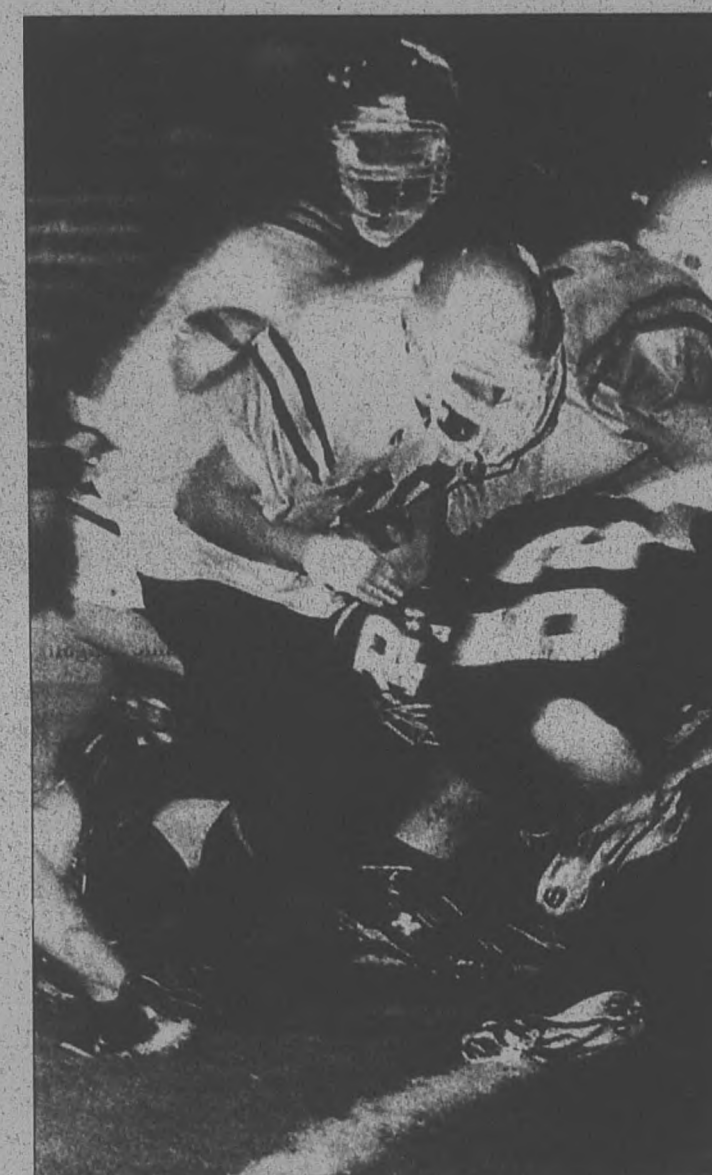
the Zion Chapel score by driving 73 yards in 10 plays to pull within 40-26 with 6:44 remaining. However, the Rebels refused to give the Eagles any chance for a late comeback as they recovered an on-sides kick attempt and drove 50 yards in six plays to put the win on ice. Luke Peters and Jacob Legg combined to gain 33 yards on four carries during the march, while Todd Grant scored the touchdown on a 14-yard dash. The Rebels also converted the two-point play and with 3:43 left on the clock Zion Chapel owned a commanding 48-26 lead and easily held on to claim the impressive road win.

Luke Peters gained 243 yards on 30 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to lead Zion Chapel, while Hunter Wise added 98 yards on 10 carries and scored 2 touchdowns, and Jacob Legg gained 73 yards on 11 carries and added 1 touchdown.

STATISTICS		
ZC	PH	
15	1st Downs	13
55-437	Rushes-Yds.	40-169
15	Passing Yds.	121
452	Total Offense	290
1-2-0	Passes	6-14-1
1-15	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
1-26	Punts-Ave.	4-28



Zion Chapel quarterback Luke Peters (10) is off and running in the Rebels' big 48-26 win over Pleasant Home. Peters ran for 243 yards on 30 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to lead Zion Chapel to the win.



Zion Chapel's Jacob Legg (30) fights for tough yardage in last week's region win over Pleasant Home. Legg gained 73 yards on 11 carries and scored 1 touchdown in the big road win over the Eagles.

Brockton battered 52-12

Statistics by Michael Jerkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Dothan Friday night and got the chance to see first hand just why Houston Academy is the top-ranked team in Class 2A as the Raiders scored early and often to pound the Gamecocks 52-12.

Houston Academy received the opening kickoff and promptly drove 58 yards to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 1-yard sneak by Watson Downs, and the extra-point was true as the Raiders moved ahead 7-0 with 10:09 remaining in the first quarter.

New Brockton's Tevin McNair recovered a Raider fumble at the Gamecock 9-yardline to turn back a Houston Academy threat on the Raiders' second possession, but New Brockton gave the ball right back on a fumble at the Gamecock 12, and this time Houston Academy reached paydirt as Watson Downs capped the short scoring drive with a 1-yard quarterback sneak for the score. The extra-point was true and with 5:27 remaining in the first quarter the Raiders were

already in charge with a 14-0 lead.

New Brockton crossed midfield on its next possession, only to turn the ball over on downs at the Houston Academy 36-yardline. The Raiders wasted little time getting back into the endzone as David Jones broke loose on a 57-yard touchdown run, and after the extra-point Houston Academy's lead was up to 21-0 with 1:19 still left in the first quarter.

Houston Academy regained possession at its own 48-yardline after a New Brockton punt, and again scored quickly, this time on a 44-yard run by Stanley Jones. The extra-point try was again true, and with 10:20 remaining in the second quarter the Raiders were in complete command with a big 28-0 lead over the out-manned Gamecocks from Coffee County.

Houston Academy's David Jones scored on a 3-yard run on the Raiders next possession as H.A. upped its lead to 34-0 with 6:26 left in the quarter, and that is how the scoreboard read when the two region rivals went in at the end of the half.

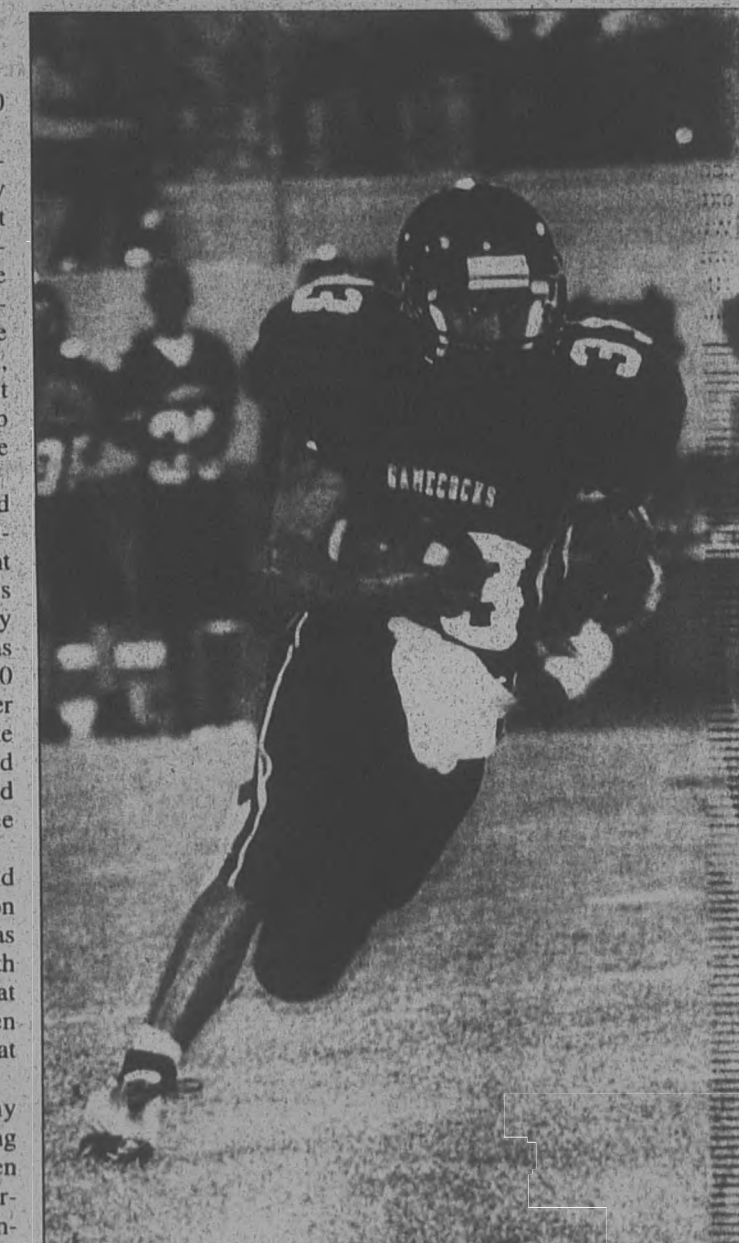
The Houston Academy defense got in on the scoring early in the third quarter when the Raiders returned an interception 59 yards for a touchdown to extend their lead to 40-0 with 9:50 remaining in the quarter.

The Raiders began their next possession at their own 20-yardline after an unsuccessful 30-yard field-goal attempt by New Brockton, and this time needed only one play to add to its lead as on first down Stanley Jones took a pitch-out around the left end and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point again failed, but it made little difference as Houston Academy owned a 46-0 lead with 4:33 remaining in the third quarter.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 26-yardline and showed signs of life as the Gamecocks marched 74 yards to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on the first play of the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Tevin McNair, and while the extra-point try failed, the Gamecocks were finally on the scoreboard, even if they were on the short-end of a 46-6 score.

Houston Academy upped its lead to 52-6 with 4:26 left on the clock on a 92-yard run up the middle, while the Gamecocks scored their second touchdown of the night with 4:14 remaining when Sheridan Foster scored on a 50-yard scamper to make the final Houston Academy 52 New Brockton 12.

Sheridan Foster gained 163 yards on 17 carries and scored 1 touchdown.



New Brockton's Jr. Magwood (33) looks for room to run in recent Gamecock action. Magwood was held to 5 yards on 7 carries last week in the Gamecocks' region loss to Houston Academy.

(Photo by Mike Cupps)

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SPORTS

Brantley Bulldogs K.O. Kinston 49-3

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson



Brantley Bulldog Tevin Daniels (80) heads outside as Kinston's Erick Odom (5) tries to chase him down from behind in last week's big region win. Brantley will host Luverne tonight (Thursday) with a 7 PM kickoff.



FOLLOW ME... A Kinston Bulldog lineman leads the way as a Bulldog runner follows in action last week against Brantley. This week Kinston will battle New Brockton in a cross-county clash.

It was the "Battle of the Bulldogs" Friday night in Kinston, and when the smoke cleared it was the Bulldogs from Brantley that left the field with the win as the top-ranked Bulldogs posted a big 49-3 win. The win upped Brantley's record to 9-0 and gave the Bulldogs a final region record of 7-0, while the loss left Kinston with a 1-8 slate, 0-7 in region competition.

As the game opened, Brantley's James Pittman bobbled the kickoff and appeared to be in trouble, but the Bulldog speedster finally scooped up the ball, found a wall of blockers and raced 86 yards into the endzone for a touchdown. Roy-L. Knighten ran in the two-point conversion and with 11:39 left in the opening quarter Brantley was on its way with a quick 8-0 advantage.

Brantley began its next possession at the Kinston 42-yardline after a short punt and wasted little time adding to its lead. James Pittman pulled in a batted pass and gained 18 yards on first down to move the ball to the Kinston 25, while two plays later Jonathan Helms connected with Thad Frazier in the endzone for the score. Frazier went high over a Kinston defender and came down with the pass on the touchdown toss, and even though the extra-point failed, Brantley was on top 14-0 with 7:43 left in the first quarter.

Another short punt set Brantley up at the Kinston 37-yardline, and once again the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County marched in for a score. James Pittman got the call on second down on an option and headed downfield, bulldozed over a would-be Kinston tackler at the 15-yardline and barreled into the endzone for the touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point, and with 4:47 remaining in the first quarter Brantley was already in command with a 21-0 lead.

Another three and out by Kinston set Brantley up at its own 44-yardline, and on the second play of the possession Jonathan Helms hit Roy-L. Knighten with a pass on a crossing pattern at the 30-yardline. Knighten hauled in the pass and raced untouched into the endzone for a touchdown, and Owens added the extra-point as the 'Dogs extended their lead to 28-0 with :59 still remaining in the opening quarter.

On the game's next snap, Brantley's Chris Booker intercepted an Aaron Jacobs pass and returned the ball 23 yards to the Kinston, 7-yardline. Helms recovered an errant snap on the next play to back the Bulldogs up to the 25, but it made little difference, as on the very next play Helms spotted Thad Frazier and fired a strike for a 25-yard touchdown. Owens again added the extra-point and with 10:52 left in the second quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 35-0.

Kinston moved the chains for the first time in the game on its next possession on a run by Erick Odom. However, the possession was halted when Stephen Walker stepped in front of a Charlie Hercus pass at the Kinston 46-yardline.

Brantley's reserves entered the game on the ensuing possession and behind the running of Channing Booker and Teven Daniels moved for three first downs. The drive ended when Aaron Jacobs picked off a Chase Hall pass in the endzone with only :07 left on the clock, and as the teams left the field for halftime Brantley owned a big 35-0 lead.

Kinston showed signs of life early in the third quarter as Charlie Hercus hit John Moss with a 24-yard pass completion to the Brantley 48-yardline. The next three plays netted only one yard and forced a Kinston punt. However, Kinston got the ball right back when on first down J.R. Fleming intercepted a

screen pass and returned it to the Brantley 10-yardline.

Three plays netted nothing, but the hometown Bulldogs did salvage three points as on fourth down Brad Elmore drilled a 27-yard field-goal to cut the Brantley lead to 35-3 with 4:38 remaining in the third quarter.

Chris Booker scored on a 58-yard dash on Brantley's ensuing possession and Marcus Owens added the extra-point to up the lead to 42-3 with 3:24 left in the third quarter, while Brantley's final score came with 1:59 remaining in the game when Roy-L. Knighten returned a Kinston punt 35 yards for a touchdown. Owens ended the night's scoring with the extra-point as Brantley posted the solid 49-3 road win.

Brantley's Chris Booker was the game's leading rusher with 63 yards on 2 carries, while James Pittman gained 37 yards on 1 carry and Channing Booker added 34 yards on 8 totes. Thad Frazier pulled in 2 passes for 47 yards and 2 touchdowns, while Jonathan Helms connected on 5 of 7 passes for 118 yards and 3 touchdowns. Erick Odom paced the Kinston ground game with 37 yards on 12 carries.

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21-167	Rushes-Yds.	30-54	
125	Passing Yds.	24	
292	Total Offense	78	
6-13-2	Passes	1-6-2	
156	Return Yds.	114	
1-15	Penalties-Yds.	1-5	
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Brantley quarterback Jonathan Helms (11) passed for 118 yards and 3 touchdowns last week in the Bulldogs big 49-3 win over Kinston.

SPORTS

In season finale

Elba Tigers renew rivalry with Opp Bobcats

Two teams looking to end the football season on a positive note will renew their rivalry Friday night at Opp's Channel-Lee Stadium when the (3-6) Elba Tigers battle the (1-8) Opp Bobcats.

"Opp is a lot like us in that it is playing a lot of young players and is trying to establish something for the years to come," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "They have struggled at times and only has one win to show for nine hard weeks of work. However, they have improved by leaps and bounds in recent weeks and have played well the last two weeks in losses to a pair of very good teams from Montgomery. Opp may have only one win on its record, but there is no doubt the Bobcats will be looking forward to butting heads with us Friday night and will be confident they can close the season with a win."

Opp opened the season with a 32-18 setback to 2A power Luverne, then bounced back in week #2 and claimed a region win over Alabama Christian 21-14 to even its record at 1-1, and give its fans hope for a winning season. The wheels have come off the Bobcat victory wagon since the week two win; however, as they have lost six straight games to Andalusia 56-17, Daleville 24-22, W.S. Neal 60-14, Ashford 27-13, Bullock County 30-7, Trinity and St. James 16-6.

"The big losses to Andalusia and W.S. Neal kind of set Opp back a little," added Coach Rials, "but they have played well the last two weeks and seem to be close to putting it all together. On offense they are pretty basic and just play phys-

ical, straight-ahead football, while over on defense they are very aggressive and really get after the football. I know Opp has a 1-8 record and know any fans from Elba will be expecting us to get an easy win. Nothing could be farther from the truth! Opp has a good high school football team that has had problems coming up with the key plays, or big stops, when it needed to get more wins. It is very well coached, plays with character and pride, and will be ready Friday night when they hit the field."

"If we hope to win against Opp," said Coach Rials, "we will have to improve in every area from a week ago, play physical football at the line of scrimmage and be able to put some points on the scoreboard when we get the chance. We will have to be effective both

on the ground and in the air and try to mix things up a little to keep their defense from keying in on things. On defense we need to play well for all four quarters and tackle well on every single play. This game will be one that is won in the trenches, and we have to be ready if we hope to end the season with a win."

When asked about last week's 20-6 loss to Abbeville, Coach Rials stated "We had our chances to win the game, but didn't make the plays when we had to and didn't score when we got in close. The team played hard and had some big plays on both sides of the ball. However, to win consistently you have to be consistent, and we are still not anywhere consistent enough on either side of the ball to win against the people on our schedule."

Elba Junior Tigers close grid season with 6-0 record

The Elba Junior High Tigers recently completed a perfect 6-0 season and were never really threatened as they outscored their opponents by a combined score of 170-0.

The Tigers' wins came over Straughn 20-6, Red Level 30-0, Zion Chapel 28-12, Daleville 28-8, Red Level 28-0 and New Brockton 36-14.

"These young men worked hard all season both at practice and in the games and it was an honor to be a part of the undefeated season," said Elba's Coach Glen Johnson. "The offensive line blocked well, the backs ran hard and blocked well, the receivers ran good routes and caught the ball well, and the quarterback play was steady as he was a team leader and controlled the game well. The first team offense only allowed one rushing touchdown in six games and two touchdowns in the air, and didn't allow a two-point conversion."

Leading the way for the Tigers on offense was Carlos Matias, who gained 760 yards and scored 11 touchdowns on 78 carries. Stephen Magwood added 500 yards and 7 touchdowns on 42 carries, while Justin McLaughlin added 65 yards and 2 touchdowns on 20 carries. William Hooks added 42 yards on 13 carries, Sandarius Reed added 25 yards on 2 carries, and Kendrick Robertson added 15 yards on 1 carry.

Justin McLaughlin completed 17 of 32 passes for 353 yards and 4 touchdowns, with 3 interceptions. Sandarius Reed led the Tigers in receiving with 5 catches for 142 yards and 1 touchdown, while Stephen Magwood had 5 catches for 82 yards and 1 touchdown. Donta Reynolds had 4 catches for 76 yards and 1 touchdown. Kendrick Robertson had 3 catches for 38 yards and 1 touchdown, and Donta Rodgers had 1 catch for

15 yards. On defense, the Tigers were led by Carlos Matias with 40 tackles and 3 fumble recoveries, while Sandarius Reed added 34 tackles, returned a fumble 78 yards for a touchdown and returned a pass interception 102 yards for a touchdown. Other leaders on defense included Justin McLaughlin (31 tackles), Donta Rodgers (28 tackles),

Antwan Griffin (22 tackles and 3 fumble recoveries), Stephen Magwood (20 tackles), Kyle Pope (20 tackles), Kendrick Robertson (18 tackles), Nick McLaughlin (15 tackles and 2 pass interceptions), Tyler Anderson (12 tackles), William Hooks (10 tackles), Randall Solomon (8 tackles and 1 pass interception), and Donta Rodgers (7 tackles).

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- **\$5.25 million has been approved for additional four-laning around the Boll Weevil Circle and \$2.5 million to resurface Boll Weevil Circle**.
- Thanks to Terry Spicer, Coffee County has received **over \$10 million from the state for resurfacing projects**. Also, **many bridge improvement projects** throughout Coffee County have been completed successfully under Terry Spicer's leadership.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Elementary School Honor Rolls - 1st Nine Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Adrien Williams, Dallas Luckett, Christie Griffin, Jounquez Sanford, Mone Martin, Jeremiah Jordan, Kaitlyn Goosby, Isaiah Daniels, April Coppage, Jessica Lewis, Gavin Caldwell, Alyssa Kyles, Mia Clark, Floyd Bourgeois, Karin Burks, Johnny Calloway, Destinee Cole, Austin Lee, Alexia Rodriguez, Katelyn Turner, Hailey Parrish, Tiffany Campbell, Saddi Boswell, Quishyia Jones, Trinity Miller, Laken Cook, Tony Daniels, Winston Kelley, Cooper Bailey, Cerie Benton, Tanner Herrington, Preston Millay, Kayla Seay, Haleigh Watkins, Avery Webster, Devorian Wilkerson, Benjamin Curtis

2nd Grade: Grant Akridge, Tyler Berry, Logan Davis, Terreia Hammonds, Kelsey Kelley, Mykaelah Patterson, Garlan Ware, Millicent Nolin, Chris Wilson, Emily Andrews, Samoyah Oliver, Mason Adkison, Raven Lewis, Alexis Rogers

3rd Grade: Audrey Rodriguez, Clavosena Sunton, Bridge Harrison, Erin Smith, Sydney Cochran, Alex McCown, Shawn Carnley, Maggie Johnson, Clark Logan, Chase Moseley, Alberto Zavala, Caitlin Bradshaw, Sally Dawson, Tripp Hudson, Justice Lavoie, Cammie McCollough

4th Grade: Miguel Banks, Troy Funk, Paige Weeks, Davis Ardis, Victoria Greer, Emilee Hudson, Reid Rials

5th Grade: Logan Bailey, Caitlin Cooper, Tyler Bobbit, John Gray, Anna Bowers, Morgan Matthews, Ward Brunson, Kaleb Richard, Jada McKenzie, Chelsea Spann, Chip Curtis, Sage Johnson, Chancey Marler

6th Grade: Austin Johnson, Hakey Sasser, Allissa Lord, Mandi Mallory, JonAshley Amison, Meagan Concannon, Harry Griffin, Jordan McDaniel,

Lucas Simpson, Julianne Davis, Brinley Williams

"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Grade: Evie Bivin, Johnny Zavala, LaDeris Adams, Jordan Magwood, Jamaya McCord, Logan McCown, Olivia Wilkerson, Eric Davis, Christopher Evans, Charvez Hill, Tanner Skinner, Hudson Wise, Charles Hudson, Kira Starks, Zachary Cowart, Jaden Purvis, Tamaya Griffin, Derrick Williamson, Winston Williamson, Walter Craighead, Kendrick Hill

2nd Grade: Mason Davis, Shy Hammonds, Asia Kyles, Chace Nelson, Keshon Reese, Rachel Smith, Caleb Walden, Tyler Dawson, Braxton Robinson, Bobbi Simmons, Juandarius Reed, Zackary Odom, Quentin Bryan, Landon Carnley, Talon Flowers, Nicholas Johnson, Keke Jones, Isaiah Kyles, Levi Morgan

3rd Grade: Jordan Cain, Thomas Danley, Jay DeBoer, Bronnan Cooks, Romello Jones, Da Quan Jordan, Travis Carr, Aliyante Hammonds, Tanner Hudson, Eli Edwards, Beyonce Gray, Avery Hanchey, Mary Brunson, Audreonna Lindsey,

DeShawn Edwards, Clotlon Skipper, Kenneth Neil Amison, Kimberly Brown, Jala Smith, J. Cole Spicer, Marcus Young, Ricardo Hill, Austin Watkins, Jala Smith

4th Grade: Christal Ingerman, Victoria Spann, Ty Stewart, Brianna Echols, Maya Mathews, Jessilyn McKenzie, Denzell Thomas, Jasmine Wright, Tiffany Harrison, Chance Johnson, Matthew Marler, Griffin Martin, Ariel Scott, Raheem Newson, Reyanta Caldwell

5th Grade: Sarah Bryan, Malik Kelley, Malik Smith, Brianna Daniels, Brandon Beck, Tia Kelley, Nick Green, Asia Sistrunk, Tyler Faulk, Aquante Jones, Amanda Bolding, Kayla Sheppard, Quinton Smith, Terriyana Goosby, Meleigha Burrows, Blake Dawson, Justin Kidd, C. J. Arnold, Dustin Bolding, Aireal Calloway, Venecia Magwood

6th Grade: LaShae Carr, Hayden Disotell, Shae Sams, Hayes Spicer, Ryan Marler, Ashley Blake, Chloe Simmons, Korie Machado, Bianca Watkins, Ashton Senn, Justin Pope, Ashley Foster, Reality Singletary, Chad Eddings

The Homecoming Court float is designed each year by the senior class at Elba High School. This year's queen and court surely felt as though they were in the middle of a fairy tale traveling through the streets of downtown Elba in their pumpkin carriage.



The honored class for Elba's Homecoming 2006 was the Class of 1976, and this group appeared to still know how to have a great time 30 years after graduating from high school. Inclement weather on Friday, Oct. 27, delayed the parade until Monday, Oct. 30, however several local members of the Class of '76 were still in town and able to make their appearance in the parade. They reportedly were having such a good time traveling the parade route that they made two trips around. Among the Homecoming activities, the class was honored with a tea at Elba High School last Friday afternoon.

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- Terry Spicer has shown his commitment to education by **serving on the Education Committee** and helping write the \$6.2 billion state education budget, the largest in Alabama history, **fully funding the Reading, Math and Science Initiative** for our schools.
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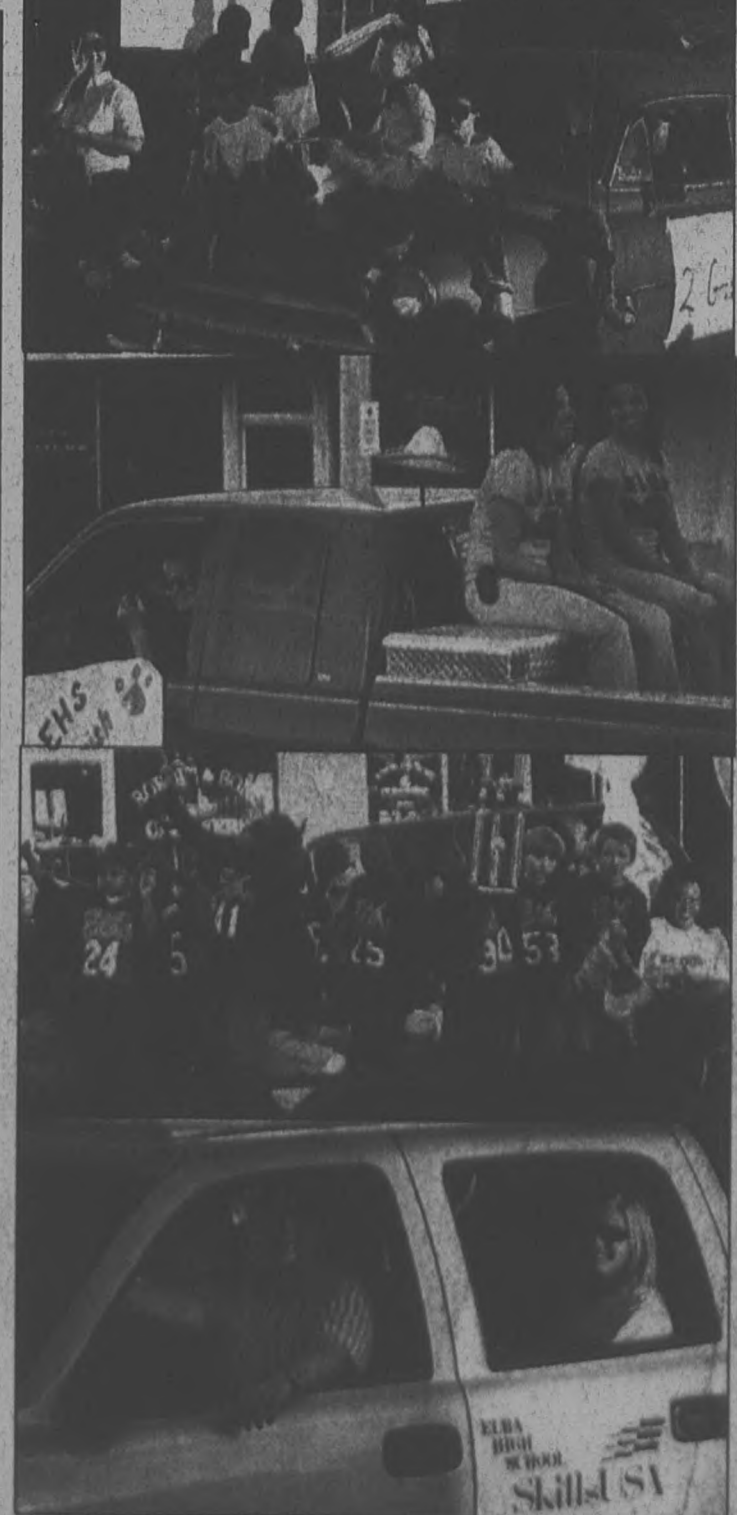
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COMMUNITY NEWS



THANK GOODNESS FOR THE NAMEPLATE...Customers of The Peoples Bank in Elba most likely found it hard to recognize the employees Tuesday, Oct. 31, as many "dressed up" for Halloween. Melinda Vaughan (a.k.a. Raggedy Ann) waved from behind her desk while she helped a customer via telephone.



Several employees of the National Security Group in Elba came to work dressed in costume Tuesday, Oct. 31, for Halloween. As shown above, a variety of costumes and characters were represented.



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- ◆ Active member of First Baptist Church, Elba and active in Coffee County Baptist Association work
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The variety of wacky costumes found at The Peoples Bank in Elba quickly brought smiles to the faces of the employees and customers as everyone seemed to enjoy the Halloween dress up. The employees shown above include: (kneeling) Cynthia Lyndall; (standing, left to right) Linda Hall, Delicia Bess, Merlene Owens, Angie Anderson and Cynthia Hulan.



Some of The Peoples Bank employees chose a theme for their Halloween costumes. The employees shown here include: (front row, left to right) Marilyn Stephens, Loette Nelson and Judy Hawthorne; (back row, left to right) Michelle Patman, JoAnn Bedsole, Camille Davis, Robyn Hinson, Sharon Hall, Becky Waddell, Belinda Williams and Melanee Blair.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Annette Griswold attends AASB conference

School board members and superintendents from around the state attended a two-day training seminar recently to address how to create the optimal learning environment for students.

Annette Griswold, a member of the Coffee County Board of Education, joined nearly 250 school board members and superintendents for the Alabama Association of School Boards' conference October 22-23 in Birmingham.

The conference was designed to equip board members and superintendents with strategies for measuring student and staff morale and how those and other intangibles affect student achievement. The conference's goal was to help participants learn how to transform schools

into good places to learn and work in order to raise achievement for every child.

The conference's theme was "Climate Control: Making Schools Great Places to Learn and Work." The speakers were Dr. Brian K. Perkins, chair of the Council of Urban Boards of Education and of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Southern Connecticut State University, and Winton Goodrich, assistant director of the Vermont School Boards Association. Perkins, author of a recently released study of school climate for CUBE, talk about "Where We Lean: Tools for Assessing Your Climate," and Goodrich discussed "Potent Leadership Team Strategies for Building a Powerful School

Culture." Griswold and the other conference participants earned credit for attending the conference in an effort to reach one of the Academy's four achievement levels.

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Conservation department asks deer hunters to report harvests online

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is asking deer hunters statewide to utilize its new Internet check-in system for gathering harvest data this season.

The online check system is one of several data collection methods used to gather harvest information statewide. Wildlife biologists rely on harvest data to assess deer herd conditions and to make season and bag limit recommendations.

Hunters are asked, on a voluntary basis, to enter data for each deer harvested during the 2006-07 season. The form is available on the agency's website at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/deerdata.cfm.

Wildlife biologists developed the system to gather deer harvest data in Barbour County, where a buck harvest restriction is in effect as part of a five-year study of the state's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries "Biologist

Bill Gray, harvest data provides valuable information to help determine deer management strategies.

"The online reporting system used in Barbour County last year assisted in gathering physical indices such as weight, antler measurements and age, as well as date of harvest. Statewide reporting will help measure the same components, only on a broader scale," said Gray. "The data collected may also be helpful in comparing year-to-year trends of harvested deer."

Data requested in the online check-in will include date of harvest, county of harvest, method of harvest, deer weight and antler measurements. Software-enabled safeguards are in place to assist persons entering the information with making accurate online choices.

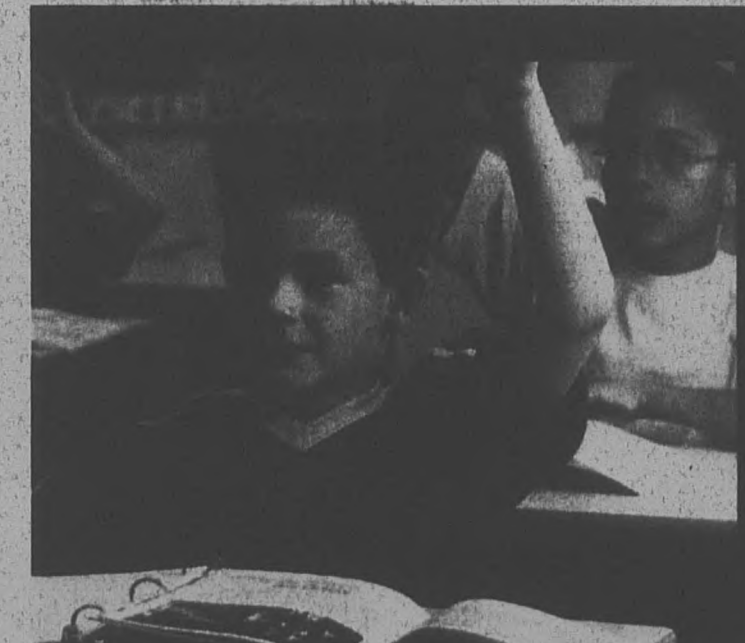
For instance, information is included on measuring antler beams and determining the ages

and physical conditions of harvested deer. Conservation officials stress that the Internet check-in system is voluntary but encourage all hunters to participate.

Hunters can log onto www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/deerdata.cfm to report harvests throughout the 2006-07 deer hunting season.

Conservation Commissioner Barnett Lawley advocated launching the online check system as a convenience for hunters and a way to make the Department more accessible to its customers.

"I commend the professional biologists and other leaders within the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division for taking such a progressive step in implementing this scientific process. This Internet tool creates another avenue for hunters to contribute to better wildlife management in the future."



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SCHOOLS



EHS Marching Tigers attend Little Big Horn Marching Contest in Opp

by Sydney Brunson

Saturday, Oct. 21, the Marching Tiger Band headed to Opp for the Little Big Horn Marching Contest.

The band, over the years, has created a history of success at various contests, but any current band member is quick to say Little Big Horn is definitely the band's favorite.

At 5:30 p.m., the band performed its funky "Motown" halftime show, competing in the largest class, AAA, with eight schools represented. With the band's recent success at three bands!

Dothan's Southern Showcase marching contest, hopes were high. Appreciation was in the air as the Elba band stood to hear their scores, hoping that all of their blood, sweat, and tears would pay off. The band erupted in cheers as all "1s" were announced.

The band's dance line and drum majors were awarded the "Best in Class AAA." The band was awarded third place in the "Best in Class" category, and as senior Jason Johnson candidly put it, "A class with more than three bands!"

FFA visits Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, Ga.

by Clara Burrows

On Thursday, Oct. 19, the Elba High School's FFA traveled to Moultrie, Ga. to explore the annual Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition (North America's Premier Farm Show).

Thirty-four Elba High School students and nine adults from the community were present. The Expo is a showcase for cutting edge technologies and advancements in agriculture. It is the world's largest farm show with on-site row crops and field demonstrations.

Each October, the Expo's 600-acre working farm hosts a wide array of new machinery in the popular harvesting and tillage demonstrations. Animal agriculture is also well represented.

FFA members enjoyed examining all the exhibits. It was a very educational experience for all who attended.



Elba was well represented by several students and adults at this year's Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, Ga.

EHS recognizes the 2006 Homecoming Queen and Court

by Ashton Rodriguez

Elba High School recognized the 2006 Homecoming Queen and Court last week. Representing the Freshman Class is Keri A'Nise Jones.

Keri is the 15-year-old daughter of Mary Jones and the late La'Shaun Jones and Reggie Horstead. She is a member of Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America and the Elba Lady Tiger Basketball team. Keri is also a member of the Marching Tiger Band in which she serves as trombone section leader.

Keri is an active member of Harris Temple Church of God where she is involved in choir, praise team, dance team and puppet ministry. She also enjoys doing hair, shopping, competing in pageants and spending time with friends.

The Sophomore representative is Charla Maisie Thomas. Maisie is the 15-year-old daughter of Freddie and Deanne Thomas. She is a member of Spanish Club, Senior Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Troop #300. Maisie also serves as the secretary of the Sophomore Class, a Varsity Cheerleader, and a member of the Marching Tiger Danceline.

Maisie is an active member of Westside Baptist Church and its youth group. She enjoys going to the beach, shopping and attending Troy University football games.

The Junior Class attendant is Tiffany Renee Johnson. Tiffany is the 16-year-old daughter of L.V. and Effie Johnson. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and an EHS Ambassador. Tiffany has been a

member of the Marching Tiger Band for the past five years serving the past two as a member of the Colorguard. Tiffany attends St. Paul AME Church in Brundidge where she has served as a youth choir member and an usher. She enjoys shopping, going out to eat and spending time with family and friends.

Representing the Senior Class is Ciara O'megan Burrows. Ciara is the 17-year-old daughter of Quinn and Anna Burrows. Ciara is a member of the Senior Beta Club, Future Career and Community Leaders of America, Key Club, Girl Scout Troop #300 and the EHS Ambassadors. Ciara serves as treasurer of the Senior Class and Editor "Tiger Tales." She is also a member of the EHS Varsity Volleyball Team.

Ciara is an active member of the Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as president of the youth department, president of the youth choir and a member of foreign missions. Ciara's future plans include attending the University of West Alabama and major in pre-med or dentistry.

The 2006 Homecoming Queen is Mary Catherine (Katie) Cash. Katie is the 17-year-old daughter of Pete and Mary Cash. She serves as secretary of the Senior Beta Club and president of EHS Ambassadors. Katie also serves as band captain of the Marching Tigers, trumpet section leader, and a member of the Symphonic Band.

Katie is an active member of Covenant Community Church where she is a member of the youth group and music band. Katie's future plans are to graduate as valedictorian of her class, attend Auburn University and obtain a Master's degree in business administration.

The Elba Lady Tigers saw all hopes of making it to the sub-state games fall short last Saturday, Oct. 21, as the team competed in the Regional Volleyball Tournament hosted by the Tigers.

The Lady Tigers were defeated by the Clark County Eagles in a difficult five-game match-up.

Looking back on the season, the girls played well and coped with a new coach well. Even though the Tigers ended the season earlier than they had planned, each girl was pleased on how well the team played and fought back in the last match.

The girls competed against several ranked teams and fought hard but fell short in the end. Even though the season is over, the girls will still continue to work hard and possibly their dreams will become a reality next year.

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Focus on Faculty

(Third Grade Educators)

Name: Betty McIntosh
Your birthday? July 17th
How long have you been teaching? This is my 33rd year.
What do you think about Zion Chapel? It is a great school. It is small and everyone gets to know each other. We have great students and great teachers. The best kept secret in Coffee and Pike County is ZCES.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? I love reading and math. I sure enjoy it when my students learn a new concept and the light comes on.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy arts and crafts and rocking my new grandson.

What clubs/organization are you involved in? CCE, AEA, NEA, and Delta Kappa Gamma. I am a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church. I'm a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the choir.

What is your biggest achievement? Raising my children and supporting them as they went through school & college. I think that I am also a good mother.

What is your most embarrassing moment? Getting lost in Montgomery on a field trip.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Michelle McIntosh, both graduates of Zion Chapel. I have a son-in-law, Jeremy Flowers. Also, a grandchild, Brandy Nolan Flowers.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy State University Auburn or Alabama? Alabama. Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I am now a grandmother.

Name: Beverly McCall
Your birthday? January 9th
How long have you been teaching? I have taught 3rd grade at Zion Chapel for 17 years.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? I began teaching at Zion Chapel 17 years ago hardly knowing anyone in the Jack community. The faculty, staff, and the students welcomed me and made me feel at home. Now it's my teaching home. I feel fortunate to teach here.

What is your favorite thing about teaching? Seeing my students learn a new skill that I know they will use for the rest of their lives. Another one of my favorite things about teaching is when my former students come back and tell me they have good memories about being in my class.

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What clubs/organization are you involved in? I am a member of the Coffee County Education Association, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the Elba Church of Christ.

What is your biggest achievement? My biggest achievement is earning my Master's degree in education from Troy University.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? No, but I have two cats named Crook and Midnight.

What college(s) did you attend? I attended Enterprise Ozark Community College and Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? I am an Alabama fan.

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I am a huge NASCAR racing fan.

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Name: Kristy Jones
Your birthday? May 1st
How long have you been teaching? Five years
What do you think about Zion Chapel? I think that Zion Chapel is a wonderful school. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

What are your hobbies? I like to go to football games (especially Troy Trojans football games). I also love to cook and spend time with my husband Jason and my daughter Hudson.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Troy Jr. Women's League, AEA, NEA, CCEA.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? I have one daughter named Hudson.

What college(s) did you attend? Alabama Southern Community College, Troy State University.

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama.

What is your biggest achievement? The Zion Chapel chapter of FBLA held its first meeting on Sept. 13. Paige Watson, sponsor, called the meeting to order. The first item of business was to elect officers. The officers elected were: Stacy Williams, president; DaVanna Parker, vice president; Jessie Lee, secretary; Israel Garcia, treasurer; Kirsten Collins, parliamentarian. The chapter also discussed fundraiser ideas, such as: student volleyball game, air band contest and a talent show. Members will decide on a fundraiser at the next meeting.

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Zion Chapel holds successful fall festival event

by Matt Williams

On Thursday, Oct. 26, Zion Chapel held its biggest fundraiser of the year.

The annual Fall Festival gave attendees a chance to participate in a variety of exciting fall-themed festivities. This year the event was spread throughout the Zion Chapel campus, including the elementary, high school, and science building.

The fun began at 5 p.m. with dinner in the lunchroom. At 5:30, tickets went on sale. These tickets were used for games, face painting, and cake and toy walks. Children lined up for a variety of items from DVD players to mirrors, and wrote down their bid.

At the end of the night the highest bidder for each went home with that item.

"Feed the Elephant," Pumpkin Toss, "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin," "Football Throw," and much more. Other activities included Bingo, "Hit the Piñata," a costume contest, and the popular "Haunted Hayride."

Prizes for these events included an assortment of toys and candy.

Adults had a chance to participate in a silent auction. During the auction, adults looked at a variety of items from DVD players to mirrors, and wrote down their bid.

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A costume contest was held during the annual Fall Festival (Oct. 26). The turn out was great and the costumes were spectacular. Winners of Birth to kindergarten were as follows: first place - Dorothy with her dog (Kalyan Martin, daughter of Amy Martin of Elba); second place - Candy Corn Baby (Nataleigh Brown, daughter of Tony and Leigh Brown of Andalusia); second place tie - Auburn baby (Kelsey Shiver, daughter of Kenny and Crystal Shiver of Elba); and third place - Red Riding Hood (Brayton Martin, daughter of Amy Martin of Elba).

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Charles Walker, chairman of the Coffee County Board of Education, carved a pumpkin and told second grade students about the history of the Jack O'Lantern. The display is being used as decoration for the Fall Festival and upcoming events.

Military and Veterans to be honored during program

The Zion Chapel fifth grade students and staff are preparing a program Thursday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. at Green Memorial Stadium in honor of all military and veterans. For questions or comments, call (334) 897-6802, or email, flowers@coffeecounty.k12.al.us.



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STUDENTS WERE SELECTED RECENTLY FOR the Enterprise-Ozark Community College Mentors. The mentors serve as the official hosts and hostesses for the College. They act as tour guides for visiting groups and also help with events on campus such as Homecoming, Honors Day, and Scholars Bowl. In order to be selected, students must be enrolled full-time, have a 2.5 GPA, complete an application, and participate in an interview. Pictured from left to right on the first row are Amanda Daniels of Daleville, Ashley Rogers of Enterprise, Meta Gatin of Jack, and ECCC Mentors, sponsor Kevin Ammons of Enterprise. On the second row are Chelsea Weldon of Slocomb, Emily Hardiman of Enterprise, Kristi Sparks of Elba, and Whitney Donaldson of Elba. On the third row are Ashley Pippin and Elizabeth Collins of Slocomb and Beverly Outlaw and Hannah Frechette of Hartford. On the fourth row are Maria Tripp and Evan Tew of Enterprise. On the fifth row are Zane Harzog of Antton, Brandi Howard of New Brockton, Kaitlyn Reels of Coffee Springs, and Anthony Warren of Samson. On the sixth row are Michael Bottoms of Hartford, Duke Carr of Elba, and Shyenne Sammons of Kinston. On the seventh row are Zach Jernigan of Geneva, Ian Campbell of Enterprise, and James Barry of Kinston.

Influenza vaccine will be available at County Health Departments by late November

Vaccine delivery delays are continuing to take place during the 2006-2007 influenza season for many influenza vaccine providers. Public health has received only about 17 percent of the doses ordered for use in county health departments. These doses have been shipped to the public health areas already affected by influenza. Cases of influenza have been confirmed in Dale, Henry and Houston counties. Influenza activity has been reported in Mobile and Walker counties.

Doses of influenza vaccine will continue to be shipped to the department through the month of October and well into November. The majority of the vaccine is expected to be received by the end of November. People are encouraged to contact their medical provider to determine the availability of vaccine and clinic times.

County health departments will be administering influenza vaccine to persons in the recommended high-risk groups and to those other persons who wish to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill from influenza. Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended to reduce the risk of influenza-related hospitalization, and December and January influenza immunizations are not too late to be effective.

Counties which have been sent vaccine are Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion, Walker and Winston in Public Health Area 1 and Barbour, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike in Public Health Area 10.

Outbreaks of influenza usually occur during the typical influenza season that extends from November to March in Alabama. The public also is reminded to follow basic infection control measures. These include covering the mouth when coughing and washing hands frequently.

A schedule of county health department influenza clinics can be found by either going to www.adph.org/immunization or calling the Immunization Division of the Alabama Department of Public Health at 1-800-469-4599. For more information about influenza, contact your health care provider or local county health department.



Jessica Merklin cast in UWA Theatre production "The Fourth Wall"

Jessica Merklin of Elba, Ala., has been cast as "Julia" in UWA Theatre's fall production, A.R. Gurney's "The Fourth Wall." Merklin is a sophomore at the University of West Alabama majoring in mathematics. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma honor society, Alpha Sigma Tau

sorority, the Scarlet Band from Tiger Land and the staff of UWA Housing.

"The Fourth Wall" will run Nov. 8 through Nov. 11 and begin at 7:30 p.m. each night at UWA's Bibb Graves Auditorium.

Water in Gantt Lake to be lowered beginning November 1st

Gantt Lake will be lowered beginning Nov. 1, to allow for repairs to Dunn's bridge. The lake will be gradually lowered approximately six to eight inches per day (vertical drop) starting Wednesday, Nov. 1. The lake level will continue to decline until a level of about five feet below normal pool is reached by Thursday, Nov. 9.

Lake levels will remain at least five feet below normal pool through the weekend of Nov. 25-26. The lake level will then be allowed to gradually rise to normal pool level, which could take three weeks or more depending on river inflow and rainfall.

Lake levels at Point A will not be affected by this project.

Financial assistance to prevent Southern Pine Beetle damage available

Financial incentives are available for a limited time to help forest landowners in Alabama protect pine forests from bark beetle attacks. Federal funds distributed through the U.S. Forest Service and administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission will be awarded to qualified private landowners once approved practices are completed. The deadline to apply for financial assistance is November 22, 2007.

The Southern pine beetle (SPB) is the number one killer of pines in Alabama. Unmanaged and overcrowded stands of loblolly and shortleaf pines are susceptible to attack. Epidemic populations of this bark beetle have occurred in eight of the last ten years in Alabama. Expanding populations, if not controlled, may devastate entire forests causing millions of dollars in damage.

Thinning of overly dense, slow-growing pine stands will stimulate growth and vigor in young stands and reduce the SPB hazard. To qualify for federal funds, your pine stand must be medium to very high SPB hazard and you must receive a written approval from the Alabama Forestry Commission before beginning a thinning practice. You must meet certain program guidelines when implementing the thinning activities.

Higher rated SPB hazard stands located in counties with a high risk of tree mortality from SPB receive top priority.

Practices that qualify for these incentive funds are:

- Precommercial Thinning: To qualify for incentives for precommercial thinning, existing loblolly or shortleaf pine stands must be at least 10 acres in size, with an SPB hazard score of 100 or more (very high, high, or medium) OR greater than 500 trees per acre, and 7-16 years of age. Incentive costs will be reimbursed to the landowner at the rate of \$55/acre, up to \$5,000 per landowner per year.

- First Thinning of Pine Stands: To qualify for incentives for first thinning, existing loblolly or shortleaf pine stands must be at least 10 acres in size, with an SPB hazard score of 100 or more (very high, high, or medium), and 17+ years of age. Incentive costs will be reimbursed to the landowner at the rate of \$35/acre, up to \$5,000 per landowner per year.

- On soils rated High Hazard for Annosus Root Rot, Borax must be applied to the stumps after thinning. This will be reimbursed at the rate of \$10/acre to the landowner.

To apply for funding, contact your local Alabama Forestry Commission office for a sign-up

WCC announces nursing scholarships

Wallace Community College announces the availability of ten \$1,000 scholarships for students entering the nursing profession. The scholarships, provided with funds from The Tri-State Rural Access / Nursing Grant (T.R.A.N.) from the U.S. Department of Labor Community-based Jobs Training Grants program, will be awarded to students entering the first term of enrollment in the Wallace practical nursing or associate degree nursing program. This one-time, non-renewable award is intended to assist students with expenses associated with initial enrollment in a nursing program.

Requirements and qualifications are included in the application packet, which may be obtained in the Financial Aid Office of Wallace Community College in Dothan, Eufaula or Fort Rucker. The scholarship application is also available online at www.wallace.edu.

Completed application packages must be received in the Financial Aid Office at any WCC location no later than 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2006. For more information, please contact Kathy Buntin, T.R.A.N. project director at 334-556-2292 or kbuntin@wallace.edu, or the Financial Aid Office at 334-556-2476.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Tuesday,
Oct. 31, 2006
on the Square
in Elba



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316 Simmons St. Elba, AL 36323 897-2700
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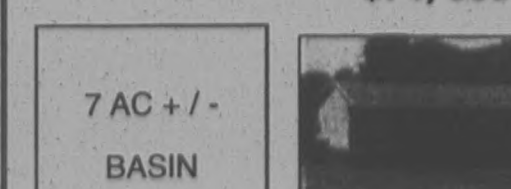
816 Cnty. Rd. 235 1 Ac +/-, 3 BR, 2 Bath, 1999, 1935 Sf - New DW Jenn-Aire Cooktop, Front Porch

\$74,900



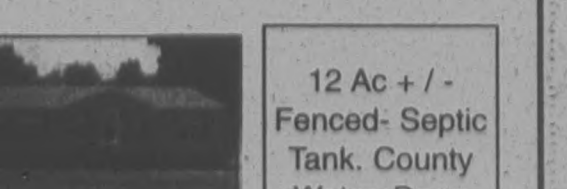
752 Pinedale 2100 sf, 3 BR, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors, Screened Porch, Formal LR & DR

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7 AC +/- BASIN COMMUNITY

\$37,000



12 AC +/- Fenced- Septic Tank, County Water, Deep Well Pump, Friendship Community

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In 2006 General Election

Coffee County voters make their selections

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County voters joined those across the state Tuesday, Nov. 7, in exercising their right to vote in the General Election.

A total of 13,320 ballots were cast unofficially in Coffee County during Election Day. Some chose to cast their votes with straight party voting. The Democratic Party had 1,855 ballots cast in this manner while the Republican Party had 2,264 ballots cast.

Until certified, all results from Tuesday's election are considered unofficial.

Several local races were decided Tuesday including the race for Sheriff of Coffee County. The unofficial results with 36 of 37 boxes counted (the 37th box is for provisionals in which the board of registrars has

until Tuesday, Nov. 14, at noon to certify) gave the nod to Republican Dave Sutton over Democrat Lance Tindol. The very narrow margin in this race had Sutton with 6,567 votes (50.42 percent) and Tindol with 6,445 (49.48 percent).

Another highly contested race in Coffee County was that for State Representative, District No. 91. It too was a close race, but the results showed voters favoring incumbent Terry Spicer (Democrat) over Ricky Snellgrove (Republican). Spicer received 6,764 votes (51.34 percent) and Snellgrove received 6,400 votes (48.57 percent).

In the race for Coffee County Circuit Clerk, incumbent Mickey Counts (Republican) defeated Democrat Eva

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New Brockton Town Council honors the late Jim Driskell

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began the November monthly meeting Monday evening, Nov. 6, with a special presentation for the family of the late Jim Driskell, a former mayor of New Brockton.

Mayor Charles Cole presented two proclamations to Driskell's family recognizing his work and devotion. The first proclamation came from the Town of New Brockton and indicated this year's Christmas Parade will be named after Driskell and his family will be asked to be the grand marshals of the parade. The second proclamation came from Governor Bob Riley and commended Driskell's service to the Town of New Brockton as mayor, as well as, all the other things he did for the town during his life.

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County BOE elects chairman/vice chairman for FY2007

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Nov. 2, for the regular monthly meeting, and elected board officers for the new fiscal year.

In a very quick and unopposed election, Charles Walker once again was named chairman while Danny Jernigan received the nod for vice chairman of the board.

Only a few personnel matters needed attention from board members. These all involved support personnel and were unanimously approved by board members to include:

- Approve catastrophic leave for Virginia McLeod, nurse at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Gail Pasco as a CNP worker at Zion Chapel School; and
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Board members voted to approve out-of-state travel requested by Zion Chapel's FBLA sponsor, Paige Watson, to take McKinley Arnett, an FBLA state officer, to the state conference in Jacksonville, Fla. Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the state will pick up a portion of the cost for this trip.

During the meeting, board members were informed the Volleyball team from Kinston

Driskell's wife, Judy.

"I'm glad the town is recognizing my dad," said Richard Driskell, current council member representing District Four. He thanked the town for the special recognition.

Those in attendance of Monday's meeting were reminded the New Brockton Christmas pageants will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at New Brockton High School with more than 20 contestants involved. Also, everyone was reminded the annual Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.

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Schools had just won the state 1A title in the sport. Each board members seemed delighted to hear of the team's accomplishment.

Dr. Ingram said the school system completed on Thursday the state's comprehensive review. She said the system responded correctly to 550 of 565 questions thus receiving only 15 citations which she said were mostly minor.

Dr. Ingram said she was pleased with the outcome of the review noting the 550 of 565 equates to a 97.35 percent passing rate.

Due to some new accountability guidelines approved dur-

State champion volleyball team honored by Town of Kinston

On Monday evening, Nov. 6, the Town of Kinston honored the Kinston High girls volleyball team for winning the Class 1A championship last week.

In activities at the Kinston City Hall, Mayor William Mullins, members of the Kinston City Council and a host of proud citizens gathered to honor the champs. Mayor Mullins commended the young ladies for their success and each player and coach was presented with a certificate which read: "In appreciation for your hard work and dedication to the Kinston High School volleyball championship for 2006." The certificates were signed by Mayor Mullins.

Head Coach Janie Wiggins said after the ceremony, "this team has been working since the beginning of summer for this. It is not something that happened in just the last couple of months. At times during hard, grueling practices, they probably thought I was the meanest person in the world. We still ran a mile a day on Monday and Tuesday before the championship playoff games. This does show you what happens when you put forth the effort these girls have put forth this year. I am proud of them."



Pictured from left to right in front of Kinston city officials are: Front - Katie Mottelet, Ashley Kelley, Heather Marlowe, Kalleigh Sanders, Monica Wilford, Samatha Peacock, Asst Coach Bridgett Marlowe, Kourtney Pierce and Jesi Johnson. Back - Caitlin Tindell, Christie Whigham, Deanna Manning, Head Coach Janie Wiggins and Asst Coach Laura Prior. Also in the picture is Little Miss Kinston Victoria Weeks.

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things are moving forward. Council members voted to advertise for bids for a new garbage collection contract. Mayor Cole said the current contract with Arrow will expire March 8, 2007, and the company has indicated it does not want to renew at the current contract rates. According to the motion approved by council members this advertisement for bids will be placed in The Elba Clipper and Southeast Sun newspapers.

Mayor Cole provided an update on the Tyler Street project and said due to a holdup with paperwork, the completion date for the project needs to be pushed back. He said the engineer (Polyengineering) and contractor (Carter Construction

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Area Happenings

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Patrol officer Richard B. Moss joined the Elba Police Department just over a year ago. He also serves as the department's chaplain.

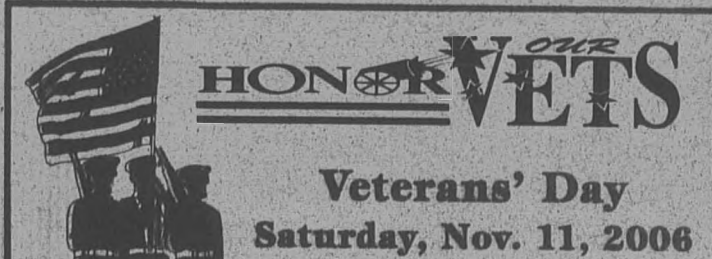
Officer Moss has a total of six years of police service. He has special/advanced training in drug interdiction, critical response and victim intervention. He also has K-9 officer training.

When asked why he chose law enforcement as a career, Officer Moss said it was, "an opportunity to serve the community - from pastoring to policing, same people - different days."

Officer Moss remembers his most memorable police experience as being a close call when he was shot at. Beyond spending time with his family, Moss said his hobbies include his motorcycle and church activities.



Officer Richard Moss



Veterans' Day
Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006

Elba Chamber of Commerce officials excited about 2006 Christmas Festival

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The arrival of November in Elba means the annual Christmas Festival can only be a few weeks away, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce is working hard to deliver yet another exciting and fun filled day on the square in downtown Elba.

The Christmas Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 25, on the square in downtown Elba, and the day's events will conclude with the annual Elba Christmas Parade that evening.

"We're very excited about plans for this year's Christmas Festival," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the chamber. "Many of the favorite sights and scenes of the Christmas Festival will be here again, but we've also made a few changes that we hope everyone will enjoy."

The changes mostly deal with the day's entertainment. Whitworth said this year's Christmas Festival will begin with a very special treat as children will be able to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" from 8-9 a.m. This event will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. From 9-10 a.m. the chil-

dren will be allowed to have their picture made with Santa.

"We're very excited about 'Breakfast with Santa'," Whitworth said. "This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for children to see and spend time with Santa right here in Elba."

There will be a small fee to participate in "Breakfast with Santa."

Entertainment on the square begins at 10 a.m. with the 2006 Christmas Festival pageants. The pageants will include six divisions for children ages birth through sixth grade.

At 12 Noon, "Story Time with Mrs. Claus" will be held. Everyone is invited to enjoy this special event as Mrs. Claus will read Christmas stories to children. Then, at 12:30 p.m., a short Christmas play will be presented by several students from Elba Elementary School.

Vocal entertainment will be from 12:45-1 p.m. followed by a special event that Whitworth said she is really looking forward to this year.

A countywide children's choir

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